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THE BUCHANAN STREET on-ramps and off-ramps to and from Interstate 80 east in Albany opened Sept. 26, as did the entrance to I-580 headed toward San Rafael. According to Cal Trans spokeswoman Brigetta Smith, "we'll still be doing some landscaping, working on the bike trail, and other minor stuff that will probably keep us busy for the rest of the year. But we're done with all the banging and noise, and the people of Albany have probably noticed that."

Street repairs face funding roadblock

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Nothing's sure in life except death, taxes and potholes. At last week's meeting, the City Council learned more than it probably wanted to know about slurry seals, asphalt overlays and the poor condition of city street pavement. The \$250,000 in funds El Cerrito currently spends on street maintenance each year was shown to be woefully inadequate in a report presented to the council by consulting engineers and city staff.

According to consultants Harris and Associates of Concord, El Cerrito would have to spend about \$725,000 a year during the next five years just to maintain the street pavement at its current rating.

Modest gains in street pavement conditions could be made over the next five years with a \$975,000 annual investment,

the report notes.

Additionally, at the current \$250,000 funding level, deferred maintenance costs will increase from the current \$5.3 million to a little more than \$8 million in the year 2004.

"An annual budget level of \$1,225,000 is the minimum annual budget required to maintain present levels of rehabilitation backlog at \$5.3 million," the report states.

After the presentation, the City Council voted 4-0 to direct staff to begin developing a work plan with a time-line on how to deal with street rehabilitation. Mayor Gina Brusatori was feeling ill and had to leave the meeting before the presentation and vote.

The report updates the estimates on

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Special session set on campus-cop proposal

By James Carter

ALBANY — School Superintendent Gary Mills announced at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting that a special session of the board will be held Oct. 19 to discuss the proposed Cop on Campus grant recently awarded to the district by the Department of Justice.

Mills said a special committee that has studied the proposal will present its recommendations at that meeting, and that public feedback will be encouraged.

The committee was appointed by the superintendent.

However, Mills said that in addition to next Tuesday's meeting, there will be "at least" one public session of the committee where residents could ask questions and debate the issues.

The proposed program, also known

as the School Resource Officer, would station an armed policeman at Albany High School for the next three years — the terms of the recently awarded grant.

Proponents argue the officer is needed due an increase in criminal activity at AHS. Opponents suggest a constant police presence on a campus where students are already crowded into portables may be counter-productive.

Litany of topics and proposals

The board discussed other important issues at the Oct. 12 meeting, including preliminary work underway to build a high school where the old one once stood, and its effects on students and the community.

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Lower Solano slow to recover

By James Carter

ALBANY — At least eight storefronts remain shuttered along the western end of Solano Avenue, an area that has still not completely recovered from a long sewer project that closed the street last year.

Though some of the merchants went out of business during that time, ac-

cording to Roxanne Wiley from the Albany Chamber of Commerce, at least two businesses relocated, while several others are being sold or retrofitted.

Many of the storefronts have been empty for some time, though in at least one case, a restaurant in the area is expanding into one of those spots.

"Monteros Restaurant is actually expanding," said Lisa Bullwinkle, director

of the Solano Avenue Association. "And from what I understand, several of the now-empty buildings are being retrofitted."

"Several merchants moved to different locations," Bullwinkle added, "such as Dave's Dugout, which is on San Pablo Avenue now."

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TALKING WITH THE EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Janet Abelson

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Mother of five, wife of one, Janet Abelson now wants to be councilwoman for 24,000. In her second run for the El Cerrito City Council (she missed a place on the council by fewer than 140 votes in 1997), Abelson seems relaxed, up to the challenge and ready to rumble.

Abelson sat down in her home last week and talked with The Journal about El Cerrito and her candidacy.

"I see some things that I want to do in the city of El Cerrito, and I feel that this is the best way to

do them," Abelson said when asked why she decided to run for the City Council.

"They have to do with making improvements in our business community and our financial picture, and also getting some of the capital needs met for the city," Abelson said. She said she has a concern "that we have a city that my daughter can continue to grow up in — the kind of city I want her to grow up in."

Abelson, 53, is a retired systems analyst. She has a master's degree in business administration from San Francisco State University and has lived in El Cerrito

since 1971. She is a nationally recognized expert on transportation and traffic management issues and serves on many regional and local transportation committees. Her awards include the 1998 Citizen of the Year from the California Transportation Foundation, and Parent of the Year at Portola Middle School.

Abelson said her longtime involvement in the community along with her history of raising five children in El Cerrito give her a "different perspective" than the other City Council candidates.

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Bea O'Keefe

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — Beatrice O'Keefe wants to shake things up.

The 22-year resident of El Cerrito is running for City Council and wants to make some changes in the way the city does business.

In an interview with The Journal last week, O'Keefe minced few words while talking about her hopes for El Cerrito, new directions she thinks it should take, and her plans to lead the way.

Talking about her experience on the Stege Sanitary District board of directors and as a member of local civic groups, O'Keefe

said "all of this experience and community activism has led me to see that we have a lot of problems in El Cerrito right now."

"We have redevelopment that has spent \$34 million and has given very little sales tax revenue back to the city."

O'Keefe was asked why she would be a better council member than the other candidates.

"I have experience in setting policies and fiscal management which none of the other candidates have," she said.

The 59-year-old O'Keefe has served on the Stege Sanitary District board for 12 years, and is

currently its president. She has served on Project Listen, the Residential Architectural Development Committee and the Del Norte Planning Process.

O'Keefe has a bachelor of science degree from UC-Berkeley and an master's in finance from Golden Gate University. She works as a clinical laboratory scientist with the California Department of Health Services.

"I'm facing a political battle to make changes in a city that has an entrenched political machine that wants to preserve the status

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Students: rent too high at University Village units

By Kate Darby Rauch

ALBANY — Anger over high rents tempered the pleasure of opening new UC-Berkeley student family housing earlier this month.

The tradeoff for new improved living quarters for students with spouses or chil-

dren is higher rents that has angered tenants.

"I have not talked to anyone who isn't really mad about it," said Cheri Schulzke, a village resident. "Most students can't afford to live here." Schulzke said she is particularly upset that for the five years she has lived at the village, she has paid a 5 percent annual rent increase earmarked for replacing the buildings.

"We're paying for housing we can't afford to live in," she said.

University officials say they're doing what they can to keep the rents low but need to charge a certain amount to pay for the new housing.

Monthly rents have increased considerably. For example, an old two-bed-

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Preliminary report calls for city to change financial practices

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — A subcommittee of the Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole issued a preliminary report on city finances that recommends a number of changes in El Cerrito's financial practices.

Financial Review Team Chairman Steve Magvary presented the report to the committee last week, emphasizing that it is a work in progress. The report recommends establishing a "permanent and independent" fiscal advisory committee to report directly to the City Council.

Several members of the Committee of the Whole complained about some passages in the report, saying it amounted to personal attack and was overly accusatory.

The report states "there is no deficit"

and that "our projections show there is not likely to be one in the coming two to three years."

It goes on to say, however, that this is the case only "because of the lack of provision for sufficient maintenance/replacement funds for infrastructure."

The new estimates to fix the city's infrastructure confirm, in general, that maintenance and infrastructure replacement has been seriously underfunded, while other areas (salaries and benefits combined) have exceeded (the Bay Area Consumer Price Index), the report states. It goes on to say that salaries and benefits, which comprise "about 68 percent of the budget," must be fair to retain employees and competitiveness, but recommends re-evaluation of the city's policy for management compensation.

The report also notes that the city manager's salary "is tied to those of management employees" and then asks: "Does this cause the manager to have little incentive to keep salaries in check?"

The report also recommends "accurate evaluation of the maintenance and replacement cost of the city's infrastructure" and a higher reserve "to cover the possibility of losing the property transfer tax."

Noting that recent estimates to reconstruct the swim center are much higher than previous estimates reported to the committee, the report states "an error of 600 percent is totally unacceptable and is either the result of incompetence at best or a deliberate attempt to

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Mambo in Albany

Ava Apple and Luis Rosa, winners of the world's largest mambo contest, are the featured performers and dance instructors tonight (Oct. 15) at the Albany Community Center. Sponsored by the Albany Library, the "Bust-A-Move Dance and Culture Club" also presents swing demos with Nathan Rynerson, Anna Moore, Yaniv Plan, Amber Bacon; plus break dancing with Ryan Takemiya and David Yeaman. The Bust-A-Move dance includes hip-hop, swing and salsa all in one evening. The free dance for Albany High students starts early, 6:30 p.m. As part of the Albany Police Traffic Safety program, Bust-A-Move helps spread the word "Buckle up; don't drink and drive; give trucks space." For more information call 526-3720, ext. 17.

Child study participants

Specialists in child development at UC Berkeley's Child Study Center are looking for families with children ages 4 to 6 years old to participate in a research study of children's responses to the challenges they encounter and their descriptions of those experiences. Participation includes two visits to the Child Study Center and families will be compensated \$30 for their time. Details: Dr. Jodi Quas, 643-2523 or quas@uclink4.berkeley.edu.

Madrigal Evening

For one night only, Albany High School's Little Theater will be transformed by "A Madrigal Evening," a free concert presented by the Measure A-funded Advanced Chorale. Under the direction of Joan Sextro and in association with Sara Samonsky's Theater Study class, the Advanced Chorale will deliver a fully costumed show complete with a king and queen, jousting knight and court jester. Starting at 8 p.m. on Oct. 23, the evening will also feature 17th century madrigals and Shakespearean sonnet recitations.

Controlling sprawl

"Controlling Development in Contra Costa" is the topic at the October meeting of the West Contra Costa Group of the Sierra Club, which hosts guest speakers Tom Moores, the East Bay field director for Greenbelt Alliance and Evelyn Stivers, Greenbelt's new East Bay field representative. They will discuss growth and development issues in Contra Costa County, especially: the urban form proposals passed by the County Board of Supervisors in September; the future of Cowell Ranch; and how West County residents can shape county development decisions. County Supervisor John Gioia will attend, as will Rayne Martin, Gioia's district director.



AVA APPLE and Luis Rosa

for North Richmond, El Sobrante and Kensington. The meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, Makamie Hall 545 Ashbury, El Cerrito. Details: Debbi Landshoff at (510) 233-9733.

Botanical Garden kids program

Kids and their adult companions can explore the University of California Botanical Garden with Docent Lois Paul the last Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. You will visit a section of the garden that represents a different continent or foreign country, find out what's special about the plants that grow there, and then draw what you see. Develop your knowledge of botany, build your store of outrageous plant lore, sharpen your observation skills, and have some fun with crayons and colored pencils. Paul has been a docent at the Garden since 1990, and is an artist and a professional educator. Plan to join us on Sunday, October 31 and/or Nov. 28 at 1 p.m. Call 643-2755 to reserve your spaces.

Kids' fun at Tilden

Upcoming free kids' programs at Tilden Regional Park: "Skulls and Skins," Oct. 16, 11 a.m. Feel skunk fur, touch a deer skull and learn about omnivores and herbivores. "Farm Fun," Oct. 16, 2 p.m. Meet and greet some friendly farm animals. "Got Reptiles?" Oct. 17, 10:30 a.m. Meet

some turtles and snakes and learn their lore and legends. "Mammals of the Watershed," Oct. 17, 2 p.m. Tour the Story of the Wildcat Creek Watershed and learn the stories of weasel, squirrel, raccoon, deer and others. Canon Drive off Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. (510) 525-2233.

Multicultural festival

A free multicultural festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 17, (noon-4 p.m.) at St. Mary's College High School, Ventura and Posen streets, Albany. Booths from a variety of ethnic and cultural heritage's will display textiles, literature, history, art, and other areas of interest from countries around the world. Ethnic food will be served potluck on the community table. Musicians and dancers will entertain between 12:30-3:30 p.m. Entertainment will be Hawaiian guitarist, Japanese Taiko drummers, Persian dancer and musicians, Peruvian musicians, Egyptian belly dancer, Scottish country and step dancing, Negro spirituals, Irish dancer, international folk dancing, Mexican Folklorico, and Saint Mary's Dance Ensemble. The event is free and open to the public. Details: Amal Barsoum, 223-6134 or Marina Worms at 799-3477 before 9 p.m.

POLITICAL NOTES

Perata at ECDC dinner

The El Cerrito Democratic Club hosts state Sen. Don Perata at its annual dinner Sunday at Mira Vista United Church of Christ, 7075 Cutting Blvd. A no-host wine bar is at 6 p.m., all-you-can-eat dinner at 7 p.m. and the program with Perata is at 8 p.m. Kids are welcome. Tickets are \$15 advance, \$17 at the door, \$6 for kids 12 and under. Details: 527-2194.

West County PAC formed

RICHMOND — Some of West County's most powerful politicians have

founded a political action committee to raise money and campaign for a slate of Richmond City Council and West Contra Costa school district hopefuls.

The PAC, dubbed West County United, plans to use its clout and access to money to help six candidates put out slick mailers, as well as seek volunteers to write letters and walk precincts.

The group includes Assemblywoman Dion Aroner D-Berkeley; former Assemblymen Bob Campbell and Jack Knox; an aide to Rep. George Miller, D-Martinez; Richmond Mayor Rosemary Corbin and Vice Mayor Irma Anderson; two

school board members and Contra Costa Community College board president Dave MacDiarmid.

The group submitted its official papers to the state last week, said Contra Costa Supervisor John Gioia, also a member.

Gioia said the committee hopes to replace the fractious Richmond City Council with a harmonious group to usher the city through its current economic upswing. It may also recommend candidates for the El Cerrito council race before the November election.

The group plans to stay active past this November to become a

standing force for big-tent Democratic values in local politics.

"There's been a history (in West County) of personality-based politics," Gioia said. "We need leaders who will come together and represent a broad base."

The group's formation comes during what could be a pivotal election for the Richmond council. Five of nine seats are up for grabs, with 12 candidates in the nonpartisan race.

Councilman Nat Bates, who was not endorsed by the committee in his re-election bid, said he fears its final

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Quick response nabs juvenile theft suspects

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 9:30 a.m. on Oct. 3, officers contacted two subjects on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway that were observed sleeping in a red '91 Toyota pickup. The two men, ages 21 and 28, were from Willits. Officers found a loaded firearm and narcotics in their possession and they were arrested. They were cited and transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ A resident on the 600 block of Stannage Avenue reported observing two subjects prying the window of a neighbor's apartment on the afternoon of Oct. 3. They were last seen jumping a rear fence. Officers responded and located two boys matching the description a couple of houses away. The two 15-year-old Richmond boys were arrested and transported to Juvenile Hall.

■ On the morning of Oct. 4, the janitor of Cornell School reported that over the weekend vandals had sprayed graffiti on several walls of the schools and also on the playground equipment. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 2 p.m. on Oct. 4 Albany officers responded to a call from a child on the 600 block of San Carlos Street who reported a fight

and an argument at the home. Officers found that a 22-year-old woman and a 28-year-old man, brother and sister, had been fighting. The sister had stabbed her brother and in retaliation the brother threw a bike frame at the sister. Neither sustained serious injuries and both were arrested on assault charges and both were transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ At about 7 a.m. on Oct. 5, Albany officers contacted a 25-year-old Berkeley man who was acting suspiciously. A routine check found he had an outstanding warrant from Berkeley in the amount of \$2,000 and one from Albany in the amount of \$2,000. He was arrested without incident and transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ At least nine cars were broken into during the night of Oct. 15 while parked in a garage on the 500 block of Pierce Street. Officers were first alerted to the problem when the security guard called to report the vandalism of one of the cars. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 2:30 a.m. on Oct. 6, Albany officers responded to a business on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of two subjects, with crow bars, attempting to break into the building. Officers contacted a 29-year-old Australian transient and a 23-year-old San Francisco trans-

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sient near the building. Officers found a crow bar concealed in the coat of one of the men and a backpack of the other. Neither produce positive identifications and were arrested and transported to Berkeley jail.

■ On the afternoon of Oct. 3, a resident on the 700 block of Liberty Street reported that three stolen a plant from her house. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of Oct. 3, a resident on the 700 block of Liberty Street reported that vandals had broken the lock on the passenger door of his red '88 Ford. There were no witnesses.

During the week of Oct. 4, Albany officers responded to 45 false alarms, attended to one ceased animal, assisted three people who were locked out of a house or car and responded to reports of barking dogs. In domestic arena officers responded to 17 reports of civil disturbances, 45 Civil Assists. Albany stopped 40 vehicles (assaults) and 20 warnings. Albany fighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and seven emergencies.

Thieves use hot coffee to assault counter clerk

EL CERRITO — A burglar smashed open the driver's side window of a car parked on the 2000 block of Key Route the morning of Sept. 24. The crook rummaged through the center console and stole two gold rings stashed in the ash tray valued at \$300.

■ Two teen-age boys tried to steal a movie from Hollywood Video Sept. 25. One of the young culprits slipped a cassette into a leg pocket as the

other kept a lookout. As the two boys nonchalantly strolled through the exit gateway, an alarm sounded. Confronted by an employee of the store, they surrendered the video and made a run for it.

■ A soft-spoken clerk poured a woman a cup of coffee and set it on the counter of Bo's Donuts the morning of Sept. 27. As the 24-year-old female employee rang up the sale, the "customer" asked if she could pay later. The young clerk had no idea that the coffee-sipping woman had a plan — and an accomplice.

When the saleswoman denied the request, the caffeine-crossed woman flung her steaming-hot coffee across the counter. As the terrified clerk raced toward the kitchen, a man jumped the counter, grabbed a donut glazer and beat her on the head. Meanwhile, the coffee-tossing woman tried to open the cash drawer, but without success. Unable to solve the simple puzzle, the two attackers panicked and fled the donut shop before police arrived. The clerk was hospitalized for head injuries and received five stitches. Traumatized by the experience, the young woman has not returned to work.

■ At 9:40 a.m., Sept. 28, a would-be burglar attempted to steal a bicycle from the back deck of a house on the 700 block of Liberty Street. The thief was frightened away by a dog.

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■ A woman in her car snatched more than a dozen cat food from the El Cerrito Lucky Store on the morning of Sept. 28. She slipped away without a trace.

■ A 30-year-old woman driving a stolen car was arrested on San Pablo Avenue p.m. Oct. 1.

■ At 2:25 a.m. Oct. 2, police officers on the 11400 San Pablo Avenue attempted to stop a 29-year-old Oaklander on traffic violations. The man away on his bike, but was downed his wheels and then ran the officers. Police caught the man, one of the suspect was charged with using a police officer, according to ECDP report.

■ Minutes after midnight a 41-year-old man pushing a cart loaded with equipment was stopped by San Pablo and Cypress after a search, he was arrested on a session of methamphetamine drug paraphernalia.

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What is a bicycle boulevard? It is a street where all types of vehicles are allowed, but the roadway is modified to enhance bicycle safety and convenience. Typically these modifications will also calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety. A few ideas for Bicycle Boulevards are: colored pavement, traffic circles, center medians with trees and directional signs. What would you like to see?

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\$6.5 million project will get San Pablo Avenue traffic lights in sync

By Curtis L. Esquibel

Minoofoar said.

Press the clutch and shift back into first gear because there it is again — another dreaded red light, a slight all-too-typical for rush hour drivers on San Pablo Avenue.

But help may soon be on the way as a coalition of cities and transportation agencies strive to help commuters and better the environment with a \$6.5 million plan paid for with state and federal funds.

Synchronized traffic lights can allow drivers several consecutive green lights to ease peak hour congestion and decrease emissions. By 2001, San Pablo Avenue drivers from Hercules to Oakland may notice less stop-and-go traffic and congestion.

"If you're idling your car at intersections, you're polluting the air and using productive time," said Cyrus Minoofoar, transportation engineer for the Alameda County Transportation Management Agency. "This is to really reduce delays at intersections; it is not to increase speed."

Planning for the San Pablo Avenue synchronization project, which will affect some 100 lights along 20 miles from Hercules to Oakland, began in 1997. On a long stretch such as San Pablo Avenue, synchronized lights can cut traffic time up to 8 percent, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission in Oakland said.

"I notice the lights a lot when I drive home or in the morning," said Courtney Jamieson of Richmond, while filling his gas tank Tuesday afternoon in San Pablo. "I know I would really like it if there was a more steady flow of traffic. That's a good thing."

The construction portion of the project, installing underground wire connections, is 90 percent completed,

The state funded the \$3 million needed for this and other modifications. Although light timing has been around for years, it remains an expensive project for financially strapped cities and counties, forcing planners to look for outside money.

The West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee still has to take the project to nine city councils for approval, which planners hope to have by January. On Wednesday, the committee presented the project to the West County Mayors and Supervisors Association.

If the synchronization is completed, the plan's next phase would be to install electronic devices along San Pablo Avenue letting drivers know about traffic conditions. The \$3.5 million effort would be funded by the federal government.

"We will have changeable message signs (on the road) and show real-time pictures on the Internet so people will know if San Pablo Avenue is busy. Then they may want to find another way to get home," Minoofoar said.

Each of the nine cities involved will have the final say if they want the message signs and traveler information, committee member Lisa Hammon said.

The most complicated part of the project has little to do with technology, Hammon said.

The cities, Alameda and Contra Costa counties, and four transportation agencies, including Caltrans, have all taken part in the planning process.

"The challenge is being able to work with multiple agencies and get everyone to buy off on what's being done," Hammon said.

IN BRIEF

Pretrial hearing date set in arms case

ALBANY — Ray Konig, charged with Albany police with illegal possession and use of firearms at his home on Albany Terrace, is scheduled for pretrial hearing Oct. 22. A request for an interview with Konig or a statement was denied by his attorney. Konig was arrested after what witnesses described as a shot or explosion at his Albany home the evening of Sept. 18. Police uncovered a cache of 100 weapons and explosives during a search of Konig's residence, including weapons capable of accurately firing .50-caliber rounds one mile or more.

Also arrested at Konig's home Sept. 18 was John William Robinson, a convicted felon and registered sex offender. Robinson, charged with illegally possessing firearms, is also scheduled for pretrial hearing Oct. 22.

The Albany City Council declared Oct. 24-31 Red Ribbon Week. The resolution lauds campaigns against tobacco, alcohol, and drug use among the young and urges all citizens to participate in programs that

make a "visible statement and commitment to healthy, drug-free communities and schools."

Men's clothing store will get six free months

EL CERRITO — The Redevelopment Agency, emerging briefly from hiatus, has agreed to lease space to a men's clothing store in a building the agency owns on San Pablo Avenue.

The store's owner, Reggie Huston, said he will clean and repair the space he'll use at 11335 San Pablo Ave. in exchange for six months' rent.

An attorney rents the other part of the building. The section Huston will lease has been vacant for four years, is run down and needs work, city staff said.

After the free period, Huston will pay the agency monthly rent of \$450. He told the council last week he would prefer to be located at the El Cerrito Plaza after it's renovated. Council members decided leasing the vacant San Pablo Avenue space even for a short time is a wise use for the

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Displaced Bulb population to add strain on homeless services

By Daniela Mohor

As encampments and shelters in the East Bay and San Francisco close their doors, advocates for homelessness and Berkeley officials are growing nervous.

"Homeless people are like water, they go where they can. I do expect some increase of homeless population," said City Councilwoman Linda Maio. "Our whole community is concerned by the fallout of the encampment in the Albany landfill closing, because it's closer to Berkeley."

Officials fear a ripple effect of new homeless coming to Berkeley for assistance, but even with resources already stretched to the breaking point, there are plans to open a new winter shelter.

To pick up the slack, Berkeley and Oakland are opening a joint shelter by year's end at the former Oakland Army Base. The city will give \$67,000 to Oakland for operating expenses.

Despite Berkeley's social commitments, officials worry about the increase of homeless people in a city, which cannot bring services to all its regular homeless population.

"We are concerned about the impact of other shelters closing," said Barbara Hammer, a homeless woman who chairs the Independent Task Force for Homelessness (the advisory body to the City Council for

homeless matters). "Since homeless people can be very transient and nomadic, they will move to where there are services."

Counting the homeless with precision is difficult. A 1997 city report estimated that Berkeley's homeless population hovers between 1,000 and 1,200. The city has only 200 shelter beds. A survey a year earlier found that most agencies believed the number of homeless people was on the upswing.

At the moment of the 1980s considerable increase of homelessness in California, the Albany Bulb area became a large homeless encampment. When the state acquired the landfill as part of the future Eastshore State Park a few years ago, one of the conditions of sale was the eviction of its homeless squatters. Fifty to 70 homeless people were turned out in August, when Albany ultimately closed the bulb area as a landfill.

Albany has no shelters and has relied on Berkeley's and Richmond's resources to relocate the landfill's residents. "Most of them chose to go their own way," said Ann Ritzma, the Associate City Administrator in Albany. Eric Landes-Brennan, Homeless Coordinator at the Health and Human Services in Berkeley, believes many of homeless moved to Berkeley.

"It probably goes back to the degree of how alike everybody is in Albany, versus the diversity of Berkeley.

Different people are better tolerated in Berkeley," he said.

City officials said the Sept. 14 closure of the 335-bed Mission Rock homeless shelter in San Francisco will not push many more people onto Berkeley's streets.

"The shelter's residents will stay in San Francisco to receive county financial assistance," Maio said. Yet Landes-Brennan and Hammer believe Berkeley's safety, proximity, and good services might attract some of those displaced.

Julia Wildwood, 53, who has been homeless for eight years, said she is not worried about safety. "In one of the shelters I was in, in Temple Florida, almost every day someone got killed," she said. "Berkeley is smaller and kind be kinder than other places."

Wildwood, neatly dressed and surrounded by bags, waited patiently to hear if the Dwight Way shelter had room left for her.

"Even mothers with children feel safe sleeping in the park in Berkeley," added Cynthia Garner, 36, a quiet homeless woman, whose one-month stay at the shelter had just been extended.

Homeless people and social workers seemed generally satisfied with existing resources. Still, shelters' counselors said that tackling homelessness requires affordable housing,

better alcohol and drug treatments, and better mental health services more than increased facilities.

"I'm glad we provide these services, but I feel that it's just a Band-Aid, that we are not addressing what are the core reasons of this homelessness," said Janelle L. White, a 30-year old over-night counselor at Dwight Way woman's shelter. "We are opening more shelters but we're not preventing homelessness."

A lack of affordable housing is why people like Cynthia are homeless. The bank foreclosed on the house she rented in Emeryville. "I did not have enough money for the deposit to move somewhere else, and couldn't get my deposit back from my landlords," she said with a resigned tone.

Cathy L. Akina, another over-night counselor at the Dwight Way shelter blamed former Gov. Pete Wilson for signing the Costa/Hawkins Rental Housing Act into law.

"He lifted rent control, that's why people become homeless too," she said.

White also said Wilson's cutbacks in social spending has been disastrous to individuals. "Making it harder for people to get general assistance and supplemental social income, and shutting down mental illness institutions did not help to prevent homelessness," she said.

Free History Alive! program coming to Contra Costa Civic

Relive the experience of a Gold Rush pioneer at Wednesday show

The Contra Costa Civic Theatre, in partnership with the El Cerrito Library, is presenting a free family program of California Gold Rush history on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at 7:30 p.m.

Performer Charlie Chin brings Yee Fung Cheung, Chinese herbal healer and California Gold Rush pioneer, to life in a Chautauqua History Alive! program at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave. Tickets are not necessary for this free performance at the 199-seat theater.

Yee Fung Cheung, a Chinese healer, came to the California Gold Rush country to mine and stayed to treat miners with his herbal remedies.

His herbal shop in Fiddletown remains today as a historical monument and his descendants, many of them doctors and dentists, still live and work in the Sacramento area today.

This entertaining and informative program is presented in a three-part format. Chin enacts the Yee Fung Cheung character, describing his life from his youth in China to his arrival in California, he answers questions from the audience in character, then steps back into his role of historian to answer further questions from his perspective today.

The program is made possible in part by a grant from the California Council for the Humanities, with co-sponsorship from the Friends of the El Cerrito Library and the Contra Costa Civic Theatre.

For further information, call the El Cerrito Library at 510-526-7512 during library open hours: Monday, noon-8 p.m.; Tuesday, 1 p.m.-6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; and Saturday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.



CHARLIE CHIN portrays Chinese herbal healer and Gold Rush pioneer Yee Fung Cheung in the free program sponsored by the Contra Costa Civic Theatre and the El Cerrito Library.

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LOCAL CLINIC PARTICIPATING IN GLOBAL SCHIZOPHRENIA STUDY

Berkeley, July 28, 1999 - Berkeley Therapy Institute announced today that they have begun enrolling patients into a clinical trial of a compound being evaluated for the treatment of schizophrenia. The study, known as ILP 3004, is one of several in a worldwide development project known as the ReALiZe program.

The study at Berkeley Therapy Institute is part of a clinical development program to evaluate the efficacy and safety of an investigational drug in the treatment of patients with schizoaffective disorder or schizophrenia. Schizophrenia is a devastating condition, which affects nearly one percent of the world's population; schizophrenia is the most common and disabling of all major mental illnesses.

Schizophrenia impairs patients' cognitive functions causing positive symptoms such as hallucinations and delusions, and negative symptoms such as blunted affect and social withdrawal. The disease typically strikes in late adolescence, with the onset of gross abnormalities in perception and an inability to feel or express pleasure. The profound incidence of suicide among schizophrenics is a well-documented public health problem.

Dr. Robert Dolgoff, primary investigator for this clinical trial at Berkeley Therapy Institute, notes that "despite impressive advances in psychiatry, we still do not have optimal treatment for schizophrenia. As many as 20% to 30% of patients do not respond to, or get unpleasant side effects with, the medications that are currently available. Therefore, research into new modes of treatment is vital for patients battling this disease."

Patients participating in this ReALiZe study will receive free study medication or placebo and will be closely monitored on a regular basis by mental health professionals. To be eligible for participation in the trial, patients must be between the ages of 18 and 65, diagnosed with schizophrenia and exhibiting symptoms of the disease. In addition, participants must meet all inclusion criteria specified in the study protocol.

To obtain further information about this ReALiZe study, please contact Clinical Trial Coordinator Leigh Pruneau, RN, Ph.D., at (510) 841-6484, ext. 136.

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NOTICE Personnel Commissioner Wanted for Berkeley Unified School District

The Board of Education of the Berkeley Unified School District is seeking candidates interested in serving as Commissioner of the Personnel Commission for the District Merit System. Commission Chairperson Avonnet Peeler said a Commissioner serves as a member of a three-person commission that is given the responsibility for establishing personnel policy, classifying employees and acting as an appellate body on non-teaching employee disciplinary appeals.

Personnel commissioners must reside within the territorial boundaries of the school district and may not be employed by the Berkeley Unified School District or the Alameda County Office of Education.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- Registered voters
- Known adherents of merit system principles
- Able to attend meetings held in the early evening, the first Tuesday of each month, with special evening meetings when necessary
- Qualified to hold public office in California

Personnel commissioners receive \$50 per meeting attended, up to a maximum of \$250 per month.

To apply, candidates must submit, not later than Friday, October 29, 1999, a resume and letter of interest, detailing their qualifications to Superintendent Jack McLaughlin, Berkeley Unified School District, 2134 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Berkeley, CA 94704. For information, please call Cheryl Crockett, Director, Classified Personnel, at (510) 644-6150.

Opinion

VIEWPOINT

Children mauled by pit bull

By Beth Hird

To the people who helped us when our three children, ages 7, 9, and 11, were severely mauled by a pit bull and three other dogs on Saturday evening, Oct. 9, and to all others who were there or use the Pt. Isabel Dog Park:

We thank you so much for all your help and efforts for our children — we don't know all your names but we want to thank you and offer our deepest gratitude and our heartfelt thanks. Our deep and heartfelt thanks also to paramedics Kitty Steiner and Rosalyn. We would be grateful if you would call us at 524-4387 if you witnessed this event.

The woman who owns the four dogs did not have her dogs on a leash and did not control them. She made no attempt to pull the dogs off our kids, and stood watching with her arms folded while her four dogs attacked them. She has shown no remorse and has not even called to find out how our children are. The dogs are in quarantine for 10 days with the Animal Control Unit in Richmond.

I am a dog owner and have been coming to Pt. Isabel since 1987. I am glad the park allows dogs to be off leash, but the bike trail specifically states that dogs are to be kept on a leash at all times. And owners need to be in control of their dogs at all times. The issue is not the breed of dog per se, but the owner's control of the dog. It could have been a Rotweiler or a German Shepherd. I can't say it too many times: At all times owners need to be in control of their dogs. This woman wasn't, and doesn't appear to be too much concerned by it.

Our children, Maya and Jeanette, were treated at Children's Hospital in Oakland for multiple bite wounds. We thank Dr. Camlesh Nirmul for her loving, compassionate care at Children's.

Christine was uninjured but is pretty traumatized emotionally, as are Maya and Jeanette. Maya suffered multiple deep puncture wounds on her calves, bites on her thighs, buttocks and stomach, and multiple lacerations on her chest, back and shoulder. Jeanette has a large bite wound on her thigh and her buttocks. Both girls are at home and recovering slowly, but they talk about how the woman "didn't do anything," didn't pull the dogs off, but just shouted "don't run." But each girl was astride her bicycle on the bike path when this happened, waiting for us to catch up as we were jogging behind them. No one "ran" anywhere.

The pit bull attacked Jeanette first, biting her on the thigh and then the buttocks. Maya dismounted to try to help her and the pit bull attacked her, deeply biting both calves and then dragging her to the ground and biting her in the stomach, chest and back. She couldn't have run if she tried. My husband is a veterinarian and has always taught our kids not to run from dogs, anyway.

I just thank God that they had their helmets on and that no-one was so deeply bitten that they could have bled to death. Think about it — what if you had a toddler or young child or baby with you that day? Just imagine it for a minute, what could happen or could have happened?

The puncture wounds in Maya's calves are still bleeding 48 hours later, and flesh is protruding from one of them. She is recovering slowly, and can't make sense of why this happened to her. Neither can any of us.

Again, we want to thank the people who helped us — we are very grateful to you all.

Please call Beth Hird and Mike Sozanski, 524-4387, if you have further information or witnessed this event.

Soroptimist a community service club worth knowing about

By Geri Stern

"The Best for Women." That is what Soroptimist has come to mean. Everyone has heard of the Rotary Club, the Lions Club, even the National Organization of Women (NOW), but very few have heard of Soroptimist International. This is a group that has been around for over 75 years, began in Oakland and is now an international force with which to reckon. Who are they? What do they want, and why are you writing about them?

When I joined this organization over 10 years ago and relatively new to the area, a very nice woman approached me at a Chamber of Commerce mixer and invited me to come to one of their meetings. It was a terrifying experience. The room was quite grand at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club in El Cerrito, and the women were much older than me. I hadn't the faintest idea what I was doing there, but a friend of mine came with me, so it wasn't so lonely. At the time in that meeting, there was a lot of procedural protocol going on and it was a little daunting for me, as I was never a very formal person and felt somewhat awkward with all these rules and regulations of how a meeting was run. The women were friendly but a little mysterious. What were they doing at these meetings? I found out some of them had been members of Soroptimist since 1957. That seemed uncanny.

Over the years, I went to meetings and participated in innumerable charity fund-raisers and kept asking myself, "Why am I doing this?" I had my own family/work pressures as well as other commu-

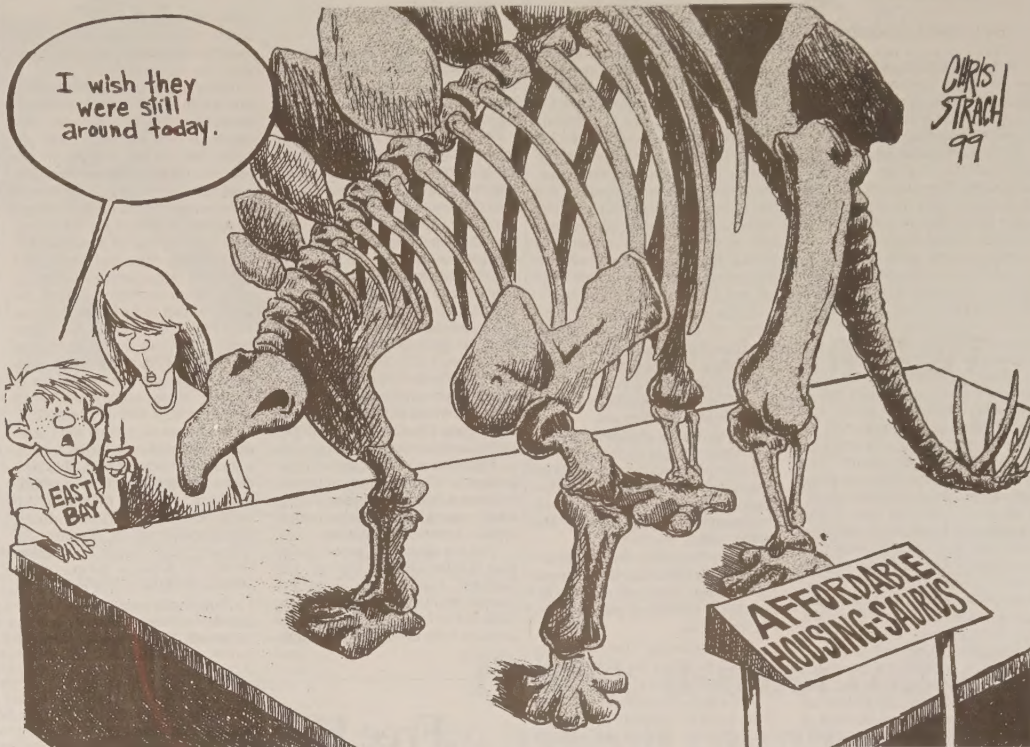
nity responsibilities to deal with. Why was I still a member? The answer slowly dawned on me. I enjoyed being involved in a meaningful volunteer activities and experiencing firsthand the positive feedback from the people and organizations which we were helping.

The El Cerrito chapter, for instance, has raised money for a variety of community-based projects, as well as educational-training awards for El Cerrito High School students and Contra Costa College scholarships for women re-entering the workforce after raising a family. It has raised money for International Relief for Women, The Battered Women's Alternative, and the Sage Foundation (which helps counsel and train former prostitutes so they can escape from the cycle of poverty, physical abuse and drug addiction).

Soroptimist International of El Cerrito has contributed money and time to a variety of community organizations including but not limited to: the Police Department, Fire Department, El Cerrito Recreation Department, West Contra Costa School District, the Richmond Rescue Mission, and most recently donated \$4,000 to the El Cerrito High School so that it could have new sound equipment for the gym.

Year after year, these women, whose numbers are small but mighty, meet and plan with dedication that is rare in these .com days. Most come from a generation where it was expected that you took seriously your civic duty and when you made a commitment, you stuck to it. The group is not political, yet it supports causes that

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Many swim center questions still unanswered

Yogi Berra may have got it right after all: It is "Deju vu all over again" time in El Cerrito as the issue of the Swim Center rehabilitation winds its way to a new tax measure for the residents and business people in our fair city.

Those of us who served on the 1996 Citizens' Committee examining the city's finances saw a small band of determined individuals who had not attended prior meetings pack the court, subvert its democratic procedures and vote for a tax that most would have been hard pressed to justify in strictly economic terms.

The same thing happened to the Committee of the Whole at its September meeting as a group of determined pool enthusiasts disrupted on-going deliberations to vote their preference, ignoring the committee's general agreement to support a pool restoration and/or rebuilding program. The committee had been working on developing more accurate and realistic cost figures for the Swim Center and other infrastructure needs for the community in a methodical and purposeful manner.

As a member of both the Financial Review Team and the Committee of the Whole, I am however, speaking for myself as an individual, who is outraged at what I see as a stampee on the part of a very small, organized group of El Cerritians to place a tax measure on the ballot by any means fair or foul, and irrespective of accurate and impartial financial considerations.

What was an \$800,000 pool repair in the estimation of city staff suddenly became \$4.9 million in the hands of a consultant.

Looking at the very sketchy outline of three alternative designs for the Swim Center, it's hard to determine where the costs are allocated, and what, if any, are possible modifications in either materials, design or structures that will provide more meaningful choices. Should we simply recreate a 1950s design in the first place with only a few modifications? Given El Cerrito's weather, would a more innovative design that would provide indoor/outdoor swimming be a better fit to transform the pool areas from 20-40 days of use a year to a year-round facility, one that would meet the needs of all of our citizens, including the elderly and the handicapped be a better investment in the future?

Are there more innovative ways of financing the Swim Center that would not place the entire burden on the El Cerrito homeowner and business person? There are questions that need to be answered.

Evelyn Kiresen
El Cerrito

Moore, Abelson accentuate the positive

El Cerrito's schools and public services have gone from world class to ordinary or worse. The condition of our parks, libraries, and other public facilities has deteriorated badly. Chief culprits include the state raid on local property taxes and the requirement for a two-thirds super-majority for approval of local measures.

Time and again, a small number of people have prevailed over the will of the majority by thwarting efforts to restore the funds necessary to maintain our services and facilities.

Given this history, two candidates for El Cerrito City Council take a positive approach. They would strive to maintain our services and facilities while seeking improvements through innovative grants, partnerships, increased economic activity, and other revenue sources.

The other two candidates take a negative approach. Instead of acknowledging the financial problems caused by forces beyond our city's control, these candidates prefer to criticize the city staff and past councils, accusing them of mismanaging our services and allowing our facilities to deteriorate. These candidates hope that this "politics of blame" will get them elected. I prefer candidates who look to the future, not the past, and who face our challenges honestly.

In the November 2 election, please cast a positive vote for Letitia Moore and Janet Abelson for El Cerrito City Council.

Art Schroeder
El Cerrito

Perka, O'Keefe offer sound leadership

I received a letter in the mail last week from council members LaForce and Bartke endorsing Letitia Moore for El Cerrito City Council. While I have nothing against Ms. Moore (I do not know her), this letter left little doubt that I do not want someone who is endorsed by Councilman LaForce to take a seat on the city council of El Cerrito.

It will be a great day in El Cerrito when the November elections remove LaForce from office. LaForce, along with Councilwoman Bartke, have continued a 30-year legacy of bad judgment and bad financial planning in El Cerrito. They both brag about the large reserve that was built up under their reign, while all the while city maintenance and services are suffering.

I see a need for a busy, friendly community that creates a tax base that ensures city maintenance and services. There is no doubt in my mind that I do not want the same "power hungry" types that have run our city into financial problems, to gain seats on the new city council. It is clear that we need to support Kathie Perka and Bea O'Keefe who have shown their affinity for good leadership as additions to the remaining city council; leading El Cerrito into the 21st century.

Bob Winslow
El Cerrito

Moore and Abelson for El Cerrito

El Cerrito desperately needs leaders with vision and energy who will take a constructive, positive approach to solving our city's financial problems, and move us forward—not backward.

That's why I support Letitia Moore and Janet Abelson for City Council. As planning commissioners, they have proven to be thoughtful and effective decision-makers. They

are optimistic — yet realistic — about our future and committed to making this a more attractive, livable, and economically stable city. Don't sit this one out.

Lori Dair
El Cerrito

Councilman's comparison embarrassing

I attended the El Cerrito City Council meeting on Oct. 4 for the first time.

Mayor Gina Brusatori began to award a commendation to Bea O'Keefe as president of the Stege Sanitary District. She was interrupted by Councilman LaForce who expressed his opinion that the mayor had decided on the commendation without authority, evoking an analogy to Hitler.

I assume he evoked Hitler because he felt insecure, but perhaps he is unstable. No one in the council chamber was comparable to the mass murderer Adolf Hitler. The reference to Hitler was irrelevant, unnecessary and ultimately embarrassing to be coming from an elected official.

Fortunately, Councilman LaForce is at the end of his term.

Dorothy Herzberg
El Cerrito

Postive guidance can bring positive change

I think everybody must have heard that miracles take place more often in the lives of people who are spiritually developed and those who can count upon their own inner voice as a guide.

We all wish for a miracle in today's educational setting to help students grow into healthy and happier individuals.

There is a great deal of emphasis on learning computers and technology, but do you think our children have the tools to distinguish between positive and negative?

I would like to see the emphasis be on guiding them to grow into better citizens who will care for others first and give important to values in their daily routine.

I do not see value-oriented education for building character in any school curriculum anywhere. Nothing will be lost if we adopt effective value-oriented education; instead there would be very effective transformation of personalities among the student community. It will not cost anything in the long run and there would be a positive cure for antisocial behavior that would be reflected through students' daily conversation and daily action.

I began my own little research into such miracle change in my students' behavior for betterment in my early teaching years, and then I realized that I would only have to set exemplary behavior for students to follow suit. I would teach by example rather than precept. And indeed, they did learn to think clearly, have self control and feel the difference.

This helped them improve their self-esteem. The only tool, I used was good diet, good en-

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

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Portola Middle School holds Parent Saturday

Portola Middle School will host Parent Saturday on Oct. 23. Parents of all Portola students, parents of prospective Portola students, and interested community members are invited to attend.

Portola teachers will present several workshops, some of which are "Organizing for Middle School," "Creative Writing," "Art Projects for Home and School," "Manipulating Your Way Through Algebra," "Building Character Through Self-esteem, Responsibility, and Respect," "Attention Deficit Disorder," "Science & Fun," and "Math Standards and Benchmarks." This event will run from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., with a new workshop beginning on each hour and lasting fifty minutes. The event will end with a question and answer session for

parents with Principal Duangsamone Silavay.

Upcoming school board candidates forums

The election for the WCCUSD school board is around the corner. Be informed when you vote! Meet your school board candidates, and hear their views on education issues. The WCCUSD, Bayside Council PTA, and the League of Women Voters are sponsoring a series of candidates forums at all district high schools. The next forum will be held in the El Cerrito High School Little Theater on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 7 p.m.-9 p.m. Can't make it to a forum? Listen to them on radio station KECG at 88.1 and

97.7 on your FM dial.

El Cerrito Class of 2004 Information Night

El Cerrito High School will hold an information night for the parents and students of the class of 2004 (entering Fall 2000) on Monday, Nov. 8, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the El Cerrito High School Cafeteria. Meet ECHS students, teachers, parents and administrators, tour ECHS classrooms, enjoy refreshments, and learn about life as an El Cerrito High School Gauchito.

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Meeting Tuesday will discuss proposed School Resource Officer

The Albany Unified School District Board of Education will hold a special meeting on Tuesday at 7 p.m. to update the community and solicit input on the proposed School Resource Officer program, a joint school/police department effort that

calls for placing an Albany police officer on the Albany High campus. A state grant would partially fund the position.

The meeting will be at the Cornell School multi-purpose room, 901 Cornell Ave.

ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

Albany PTA Council

■ Oct. 18, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Ocean View Library

■ Oct. 23-31, California State PTA Red Ribbon Week for a safe and drug-free America

Reminder: Send in PTA memberships and support your PTA!

■ Director of Curriculum Mari- anne Camp needs parents to serve on the following committees; if interested, e-mail Mcamp@alameda-coe.k12.ca.us or call 559-6620.

Oct. 26, District Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., District Service Center, 904 Talbot, Board Room. This group is the District level of the Site Councils connected to SIP (School Improvement Program).

Oct. 28, English Language Learners, 7 p.m., District Service Center, 904 Talbot, Board Room.

Daytime meetings TBA, Curriculum Specific Committees for Math K-5 and Social Studies K-8.

■ Attention SCRIP buyers: As of Nov. 1, Safeway will no longer sell paper scrip.

PTA will be converting to electronic scrip for Safeway and Andronico's; we will still sell paper scrip for Lucky's and Natural Grocery. E-Scrp is an electronic Scrip program where a supporter (you!) registers any or all of one's MasterCard, VISA, Discover, American Express, ATM, Debit or grocery loyalty (Safeway Club) cards for a \$10 annual fee. Supporters then use their registered cards when paying for merchandise at participating merchants. The merchant then donates a percentage of the sale to your PTA. For \$10, you can sign up one school. If you have children in different schools and wish to split the profits between schools, it will cost an additional \$5 per school per year to cover accounting costs. Better yet, ask a relative or friend to sign up for the other school, and you won't have to split the profits! To register your cards with eScrp, call 1-800-400-7878. For more information, check out the Web site at www.escripinc.com or call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782.

Albany High School

■ SCRIP Orders: Support AHS by buying Safeway, Andronico's, Lucky or Natural Grocery certificates. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-

6782 or Belinda Lum at 528-2429. E-mail Linda at CHO.PRN.LO@CHO.ORG or Belinda at Robertmarshall@sprintmail.com

■ AHS BAND BOOSTERS are selling sweatshirts in black or "Cougar" red with white letters reading "Albany High School Visual and Performing Arts." Prices are \$20-\$25 depending on size and style (hooded or not). To order, call Debra Kagawa at 525-5047. Support AHS Arts!

■ Oct. 19, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 40

■ Oct. 20, College Night, 7:30 p.m., AHS Little Theater

■ Oct. 25-29, Homecoming week

Albany Middle School

■ SCRIP Orders: Support AMS by buying Safeway certificates. Call Karen Moss at 526-2018 or Linda Okamoto at 525-6782.

■ Oct. 27, Gay/Lesbian issues Committee, 4 p.m.

Cornell Elementary School

■ Safeway, Lucky, Andronico's, Natural Grocery and Berkeley Bowl SCRIP for sale Wednesday & Friday mornings from 8:15-8:45, and Wednesday after school.

■ Oct. 20, PTA meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Marin Elementary School

■ SCRIP for sale Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings before school, at both early and late bird times, and Wednesday after school. Orders can be placed in office at any time.

■ Oct. 14-15, Bookfair

■ Oct. 14, PTA meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Multi-Purpose Room

Ocean View Elementary School

■ SCRIP for sale Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings before school on playground. Ask for Kim Denton.

■ Oct. 16, Walk-a-thon fundraiser, 9 AM - 1 p.m., Ocean View Playground

■ Oct. 21, Site Council meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library

AUSD Board of Education

Oct. 26, Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

Items? Call Kay Weinstein at 525-0363 or e-mail: kayweinstein@yahoo.com

Walk to raise funds for hunger program

RICHMOND—Harmony Walk to End Hunger, sponsored by the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP), will begin with a rally at 7:30 a.m. Saturday at the Richmond Civic Center Plaza. The walk will follow at 8 a.m.

The rally will include presentations

by Richmond Mayor Rosemary Corbin, Joyce Hutson, program director at the Richmond Souper Center; community activist Fred Jackson; and Pat Stroh of Contra Costa County Head Start.

GRIP feeds poor and homeless people through the Souper Center and

offers a variety of services. It promotes federal funding for health care, low-cost housing, improved education, subsidized home ownership, business development and training and more.

"If hunger and poverty were a priority and our government addressed and resolved them, GRIP could send

kids to camp instead of spending money to feed hungry people," said GRIP volunteer Hank Altgelt.

Prospective walkers should gather sponsor pledges in advance. T-shirts will be sold for \$12 at the walk.

Call 510-233-2141 for more information.

Letters

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entertainment and relaxation exercises through group singing sessions, a series of debates, declamations, and recitations, etc. I strongly suggest making these an important part of language instruction. It will help our

students to learn better and cope up with their daily stressed life in a more civilized way without hurting or abusing others.

We need to put some meaning in our daily school routine. I fear sometimes that total isolation from the learning situations which arise in groups of mixed ages and diverse community will do more harm to the lost kids, who just want to be working on computers

themselves. They might totally lose contact with the society.

I hope by bringing little changes in existing curriculum, we educators can bring a positive change in our young children's daily life.

Romila Khanna
Albany

Passion not always outwardly apparent

Regarding sportswriter Mike McGreehan's recent commentary about soccer in the Sports section:

My son, Joe Cooter, plays for the Head-Royce soccer team. His grandfather played soccer for his coal mine's team in Kilmarnock, Scotland (the country where the game was invented) and in No-Man's Land against the Germans during the Christmas Truce in 1914. Swearing that he wouldn't sacrifice his sons to English imperialism, he moved his family to Canada in 1923. His son, Joe's grandfather, was captain of the Ontario Provincial champion soccer team when he was 20.

I played soccer in college; my husband still plays competitively at age 54. Just because we don't wear our emotions on our sleeves doesn't mean we don't bleed under them.

Blair Dean
Berkeley

Headed for an iceberg again

It's de rigueur for everyone with a laptop to make fun of the folks who built the Titanic and then ran it into an iceberg. That could never happen in our wonderful world of mi-

crochips.

Bull.

The article about NASA's "mix-up" that caused the Mars Climate Orbiter to crash should send chills through everyone's spine.

Oh, we're told this was a simple mistake between a subcontractor and NASA, where the contractor used "pounds" for measurements (which is the usual for us Americans) and NASA thought they were "metric" units of measurement, which is what most other countries and scientists use. Newspapers put out NASA's line: the loss is unfortunate, but not to worry.

Not worry? Hello NASA (and newspaper editors.)

It was just a few months ago NASA had another of its crafts do a similar fly-by of Earth. The concern at the time was that the craft had enough plutonium to kill a lot of people. There was concern deeply expressed that this was just too dangerous - what if there was a "mistake?" NASA and other government agencies pooh-poohed critics saying their fears were unjustified.

The loss of the Mars Orbiter is proof that we came this >> close to having a lethal disaster back here on earth - a disaster right out of a Rod Serling Twilight Zone episode - a silent death for millions.

The news of this mistake should not be treated as a second rate story but should serve as a warning that we too many be headed for an iceberg - we just don't know where it is.

Why do I get the feeling there is a little too much hubris in the air?

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COUNCIL CERTIFICATION OF ZONING ADJUSTMENTS BOARD DECISION
1608 FOURTH STREET

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 1999
TIME: All Council meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley

The City Council will hold a public hearing regarding the decision of the Zoning Adjustments Board action of September 23, 1999, relevant to approval of Use Permit 99-10000052 and its associated Mitigated Negative Declaration for 1608 Fourth Street to: 1) convert more than 25% of the floor area of an existing industrial building to office uses in the former Courtland's Aerospace paint factory; 2) construct a 15,188 square foot upper floor addition to an existing 113,780 square foot building; and 3) demolish a 22,642 square foot industrial building.

Anyone wishing to speak at the public hearing may receive a speaker card from the City Clerk at the start of the Council meeting up until the closure of the public hearing.

Written comments should be mailed or delivered directly to the City Clerk, 1900 Addison Street, Berkeley, CA 94704, in order to ensure delivery to all Councilmembers and inclusion on the agenda packet. Comments received not later than 12:00 noon, Tuesday, October 12, 1999, will be included in Council agenda packets. If the communication includes maps or photos or any other material not reproducible on a copy machine, 20 copies should be provided to the City Clerk. Comments received thereafter will be submitted to council as supplemental communications prior to the meeting. For further information, call Sherry M. Kelly, City Clerk, (644-6480) TDD: (510) 644-6915.

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Mailed / Posted: October 4, 1999

Sherry M. Kelly City Clerk

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Struggle to be calm in crisis

When Susan Klebold learned that her son Dylan was one of the Columbine High School assailants, she called her hairdresser to cancel her afternoon appointment. She sounded calm, the hairdresser later told the press.

Outrageous, I thought. What kind of mother thinks about her hair when her son is on a murderous rampage? I was shocked, appalled.

I was smug because I would never do anything like that. That phone call explained it all. Susan Klebold is an uncaring, self-involved mother. That's how a Dylan Klebold happens.

I thought I had it all figured out until I remembered something that happened to me 10 years ago.

My 7-year-old son was taking the bus home from school, alone for the first time. It was a county bus that made a loop from his school through Piedmont. Lots of kids took it.

Sammy should have been home by 3:30 p.m. When he wasn't by 3:45, I started calling his friends' houses.

"Hi Alice. It's Ronnie," I said. "Is Sammy there?"

I made half a dozen of those calls and explained the situation. Mothers expressed concern and offered suggestions but I reassured them. Sammy is fine. There's nothing to worry about.

When I ran out of people to call, I drove to school thinking that maybe Sammy decided to walk home. I drove slowly, looking and stopping children to ask if they had seen him.

On the counter in the school office was a drawing of a man who, just a few days before, had tried to lunge some girls into his car. I pushed the drawing aside and put it out of my mind.

I wandered around the school and through the playground asking if anyone had seen Sammy.

I got home at 4:45 p.m. and left a message on a friend's answering machine saying I probably wouldn't be able to meet her that night as planned. I wasn't frantic or hysterical. I don't think I even mentioned what the problem was.

I called my husband. "I'll come home right now," he said, adding that in another half hour it would be dark. "You better call the police," As an afterthought he said, "But when you talk to them, sound calm."



RONNIE CAPLANE

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Of course I would. I was calm as I had methodically run through the list of what to do if your child doesn't come home from school. To panic would make the situation real. It could mean Sammy was a missing child, maybe the victim of a crime. I was not going to let that possibility into my consciousness. As long as I had something to do, this was just a blip on the screen of family life.

I told the story to the police dispatcher and described in detail what Sammy was wearing.

"Do you have a current picture of him?" the dispatcher asked. A squad car would be right over to pick it up. After a slight pause she added, "You don't sound very upset."

And I knew, at that moment, she had judged me an indifferent mother. One who was more devoted to her tennis game, cocktail parties or volunteer activities than to her 7-year-old son. Maybe one who deserved something like this to happen to her.

Before I could explain the door opened. It was Sammy.

Then I fell apart. He had forgotten to get off the bus at his stop. The driver told Sammy to stay on, that they would come back to it. And for the next hour and a half Sammy rode the bus through Oakland and Alameda until it returned to his stop.

In retrospect I realize that, to the outside world, I did seem inappropriate, abnormally calm. But it says nothing about me or who I am as a mother. It's just how I dealt with that crisis.

Maybe it was the same for Susan Klebold. Maybe she couldn't grasp the magnitude of what going on around her, couldn't fix it. So she did what she could. It even may have been her way of trying to behave responsibly.

What I wanted was a lesson, a quick explanation, something that would distinguish those parents from me. Some guarantee that Littleton couldn't happen here. Unfortunately there are no such guarantees.

But there is one truth; tragedies aren't explained by a mother calmly canceling her hair appointment.

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Neilsen Framing puts craftsmanship in focus

By Roxanne Wiley

Victoriano Gelay owns Neilsen Framing and has for some time. He is an excellent craftsman and his work is wonderful. I feel I can vouch for him for he has done at least two paintings and one print for me.

He has moved to a new location since January, at 1485A Solano Ave. Along with his new digs, he has something new and special in his window: Antonio, an Amazon parrot.

I find myself making special trips to Neilsen's just to schmooze with Antonio. The difficult part of that is that the bird can only say "hello," but after all, he is only a baby. Just 2 1/2 years old. Nonetheless, I stand there and just chatter away to him feeling no responses are necessary. It's love!

Another reason to visit Neilsen Framing is to view the artist on display, Aleksandr Kharon. Aleksandr has emigrated here from Russia with his family and is currently displaying his art at Neilsen's. The nature of his art is iconography or religious art if you will and is very interesting.

Whether you go to Neilsen Framing for the framing, the parrot or the beautiful artwork adorning the walls, it is well worth the trip.

National Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is dedicated to federal drug enforcement agent Enrique Camarena, who was killed by drug traffickers in Mexico in 1985.

Albany Chamber

By Roxanne Wiley

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wearing red ribbons to symbolize their commitment toward the creation of a drug free America. In 1988, Congress officially proclaimed the first National Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23 to 31. The red ribbon has now become a symbol for the drug free movement.

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VICTORIANO GELAY, owner of Neilsen Framing.

of the problems related to the use of tobacco, alcohol and other drugs; build and support community prevention coalitions, and organize and support healthy drug-free youth activities and programs.

The Albany Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention Council is honoring the week of Oct. 23-31 with red ribbons displayed in various Albany business windows and free, bookmarks to their customers. The bookmarks are titled "101 Things To Do Instead of Drugs."

If you are interested in participating, please call me at the Chamber of Commerce office, 525-1771 and we will get a red ribbon and

bookmarks to you.

Chamber fund-raiser

The chamber will be sponsoring a brand-new Specialized Head Start cycle starting from Oct. 15. Tickets will be \$1 apiece or \$10, available at the chamber. This is an important fund-raiser also the chance to win a prize from Solano Avenue.

A sample bike will be on display in the chamber window all day long in two-month period. Drop by to chase your tickets. We are aging the community to support the chamber and to purchase tickets

Briefs

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building, generating some money and improving safety.

PTA Reflections program

EL CERRITO — The Harding Elementary School PTA has officially kicked off its participation in the National PTA Reflections Program. The theme for this year's program is "Anything is Possible." Many local businesses, including Copy Central, Walden Books, Douglas Fraser Photography, Music Works, Bowler's Mart Sport and Trophy, Espresso la Carte and the El Cerrito Art Association, will contribute judging and prizes for the Reflections program.

The National PTA Reflections Program is a national arts recognition and achievement program open to students in preschool through grade 12 in areas of literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts. The works of art will be judged by local professionals in the respective arts areas, and selected works will be advanced to the state or national levels for judging.

Compost bin sale

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority and Recycling Board is offering compost bins for as little as \$17 to help people recycle in their own back yards.

The authority is having a special one-day sale on starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Berkeley Orchard Supply Hardware store, 1025 Ashby Way.

Meghan Starkey, a spokeswoman for the authority, called composting

a fun and easy way to recycle at home.

"You can reduce trash and use less fertilizer and mulch," Starkey said. "You'll also reduce the need for harsh chemicals in your backyard. Homemade compost is great for your yard and garden, and it can save you money." Starkey said that a large turnout is expected and that similar programs have sold out in just a few hours.

Three types of compost bins will be offered:

■ Smith and Hawken Home Composter, which normally retails for \$70, is offered for only \$17. It's designed for composting yard and food waste and is most suited for the low-maintenance composter who likes to add to the bin all year and isn't in a big hurry for finished compost.

■ Smith and Hawken Biostack, the premium bin that retails for \$100, is being offered for \$38. It's

designed for the composter who wishes to spend a little more and get finished compost that is suitable for yard waste and fine vegetable trimmings.

■ Wriggley Wranch Wormer, designed to compost food waste only, retails for \$100 and is being offered for only \$25. The bin is designed to recycle fruit and vegetable scraps inside or out. Suitable for apartment dwellers or those with a yard.

The Waste Management Authority is also offering free home classes, advice through a toll-free line, and a free how-to video "Do the Rot Thing: The Steps of Home Composting." The bins are limited to one home composting bin and one worm bin. Alameda County household compost bins may be purchased at a price. Officials ask that participants bring identification to prove residence in Alameda County.

Notes

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aim is to gentrify Richmond through new development. The city has \$750 million to \$800 million in development projects in the works.

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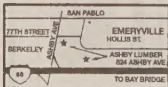


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Reading to infants an expression love, says author

By Susan Fuller

Reading to babies is all about love, not about teaching anything. It's about showing your baby — even if he's 3 or 15 and can read alone — that you love him.

That was the message that noted children's author and illustrator Mary Wells brought to Alameda County's annual "Here Comes Mother Goose" event on Oct. 3. More than 100 people gathered at the O Club listening to Wells read and show slides from her latest book, "Here Comes Mother Goose," about reading to children.

Wells takes on the mantle of a mother when she talks about reading to babies for 20 minutes every day.

What children lack today is one-on-one time, Wells said. Parents can't spend up with their children — reading with them — because they're too busy, too distracted, and they're working two jobs, on and off the clock.

None of the excuses matters to Wells. Reading should come first. Period.

Born during World War II, Wells remembers the campaigns to involve children in the war "when the U.S. was a true enemy."

Wells ranks our country's poor lit-

eracy skills on a par with the largest wars this country has fought. "I think we do have a national emergency, potentially of huge proportions," she said.

"I would love to see a campaign poster for parents," she said, pointing her finger like Uncle Sam. "Are you doing your bit? Are you doing your job or not?"

America will be divided by class — those with language skills and those without, according to Wells. The socioeconomic benefits of those who can read will multiply, generation by generation. At the same time, those with minimal literacy skills will continue to get poorer.

Echoing the recommendation of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Wells said that children under 2 should not watch any television.

As she showed slides of her paintings from "Here Comes Mother Goose," Wells demonstrated how easy it is to read to a baby. An adult who can't read at all can give an appreciation for books, because touch and talking matter more than reading actual words.

"Mary, Mary, quite contrary/ How does your garden grow? With silver bells and cockleshells/ And pretty maids all in a row," Wells read from the text, edited by English folklorist and children's games and stories expert Iona Opie.

Wells' painting shows Mary, a

bunny, digging in the garden, looking very grumpy. Just working from the illustration, a reader can talk about emotions, gardening or the names of shapes, colors or flowers.

"Bobby Shaftoe's gone to sea/ Silver buckles at his knee/ He'll come back and marry me/ Bonny Bobby Shaftoe," Wells read.

Wells sees this rhyme as a warning about men who promise to return. Bobby, a rakish cat, appears throughout the book, each time with a new girlfriend. The illustration invites conversation about the weather, the sea, clothes, relationships.

"I like to think of Mother Goose as a 'desert island book,'" Wells said, meaning the one book she'd take if stranded with a baby.

"I love Mother Goose. There's nothing phony," Wells said. "She's not invented by a corporation."

Mother Goose's words put babies to sleep, teach numbers, deal with skinned knees and revive the voices of farmers and workers, Wells said. Mother Goose reminds today's busy parents of the times before radio and television, when communication meant people talking to each other.

Wells shared two anecdotes about reading to babies with the local audience.

In a study at the University of Birmingham, in England, 300 randomly selected children were read to for half an hour every day from

age 6 months to 5 years, and compared with a control group of the same size. She described Birmingham as a "rust belt" city, with a lot of poverty and non-native speakers of English.

Tests at kindergarten age revealed just one significant difference between the two groups: the children who were exposed to books were reading two grade levels ahead of the control group. This difference, Wells said, would account for a 75 to 100 point differential on college entrance exams.

Bringing reading to the personal level, Wells talked about a friend, a single parent "with the most stressful job I know." When Sandy comes home, she doesn't open the mail, start dinner, answer phone messages or make a drink. She sits down to read with her daughter.

Her daughter, now a teen, didn't whine for her mother's attention. The child knows that she comes first. Reading time benefits Sandy, too, because relaxing for half an hour reminds her that work doesn't matter so much.

Wells said she became an artist at age 2 and, with no idea where the image came from, said her first drawing was of an angry policeman.

In school, she drew in notebooks rather than doing assigned work. She never had formal art lessons. When she started art school, abstract ex-

pressionism was all the rage, a style she detested.

She left school to work as a book designer in a publishing house. When Wells showed her employer an idea for a children's book, he immediately told her that she was now an author working for the company.

"It's my job to have ideas," Wells said in response to the standard question about where ideas come from.

She did tell about the origins of "Max's Dragon Shirt." An angry tired toddler sat in the grocery cart in front of her during a late-night trip to the grocery store. The story idea came from the matching faces of the child and the dragon on his T-shirt, which peeked out from behind his overalls' bib.

"My mind works in a constant pattern of filtering books," Wells said. "They come as a whole from the clouds."

"Most ideas come when lying in bed at 4 or 5 a.m., when I can't feel my body and can float into the cosmos," Wells said. "I don't make ideas, they come to me."

Mayor Ralph Appenzato and Councilman Al DeWitt attended Wells' reading. "I can't say how much it means to me to have elected officials hear a children's author," Wells said.

Wells begged off on DeWitt's question about encouraging disad-

vantaged families and racial minorities to read.

"I wish you Godspeed," she told the councilman. "That's your job. I wouldn't be good. I'd get too angry."

Wells acknowledged that the audience members, largely white and female, were hard-core reading enthusiasts. "I'm not an expert on child development, but I am a reader and a mother. I do love children's literature," she said when asked about encouraging reluctant readers.

Wells described herself as subversive, idiosyncratic and a curmudgeon. Her literary politics came out when talking about consolidation in the publishing industry and about fathers' involvement in raising children.

"I wish the government would give tax breaks to encourage fathers," she said. "It's easier for mothers, but reading is the loving thing for fathers to do."

Wells abhors the intrusion of corporate suits into the publishing industry, but said "I can't fight it, so I try to work with it."

Good stories are the key. "The suits don't have the stories," she said. "They have money and power and offices. They're just business men, and not terribly interesting people. People with a gift from God have the stories people will buy."

HALLOWEEN EVENTS

Plaza tricksters to scare up treats

EL CERRITO — The Plaza has a long and distinguished history of celebrating trick or treat, a tradition now in its 18th year.

Children from 2 to 12 are invited to dress in costume on the Friday before Halloween and join the parade through the center, where merchants will have candy and good wishes at hand.

This year will include a surprise from a popular superhero who will greet and try to "out-trick" each trickster. Running in conjunction with Trick or Treat at the Plaza is an annual Halloween coloring contest.

Pick up applications at any Plaza branch, the Plaza security office or the Plaza management office.

The contest is on now through Oct. 28 with winners announced on Friday, Oct. 29. Categories include children in age brackets 4-5; 6-7; and 10.

We're looking for originality and fun. All winners receive ribbons, and the winning entries will be displayed at the Plaza.

First, second and third place winners in each category win \$25, \$15 and \$10 in Plaza money respectively.

Safe costume and chalk art fun

On Saturday, Oct. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. join Harding Education Project for a mid-day drawing contest and a judging of the safest costume for Halloween.

Meet at Harding Elementary School at the corner of Ashbury and Almont.

A prize for the safest Halloween costume. Be early at 11 a.m. because the first 40 children accompanied by parent get a free pumpkin.

The El Cerrito police will be on hand to help judge the costumes, fingerprint children and talk about safety.

Entry fee for the drawing contest is \$5. With this the children get a box of chalk they can keep after drawing a picture in Harding Playground.

Random prizes for the drawings in each age category.

Proceeds from the event go to help

the Earthquake Preparedness at Harding Elementary School and hearing impaired students.

For more information contact Andy Austin, chairperson of Harding Education Project, at 528-5025 in the evenings.

El Cerrito Royale invites trick-or-treaters

El Cerrito Royale, 6510 Gladys Ave., adjacent to the St. John's Community Center, invites children of all ages to enjoy a safe Halloween celebration on October 31 at 6-9 p.m.

The event features a petting zoo, apple-bobbing, storytelling, door-to-door trick or treating, clowns and scarecrows.

Residents of the senior community will be wearing costumes and preparing bags of treats and balloons for all children attending.

"The residents get so excited," said Sonja Givens, executive direc-

tor. "It's like one big family — the residents, staff and members of the El Cerrito community that have supported this event for years!"

Details: 234-5200.

Jack O'Lantern Jamboree

Children's Fairyland will celebrate Halloween with the Jack O'Lantern Jamboree on Oct. 29 and Oct. 30 from noon to 7 p.m., and Oct. 31 from noon to 4 p.m.

Fairyland is transformed into a gently spooky fantasy land. Wander through the Fantasy tunnel and the Ghost and Goblin tunnel created by Chiodo Entertainment.

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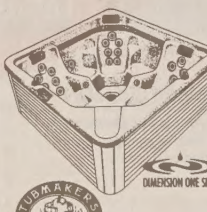
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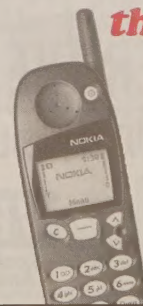
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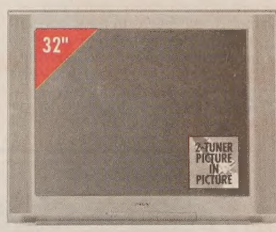
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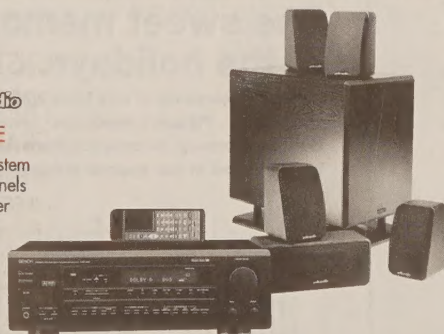
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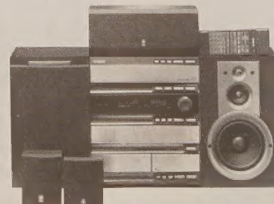
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Marina envisions cutting-edge building made of straw

By James Carter

Children visiting the Berkeley Marina recreational area may soon learn about recycling in a building made of straw.

The structure will be a facade, not a paper mache version of the storybook hut built by the three little pigs.

Those involved with the project say it will be real, environmentally sound, stronger than sticks or bricks and, in the long run, cheaper to operate than most East Bay homes.

The structure will "demonstrate the environmental advantage of recycled materials and advanced eco-friendly systems," according to Patty Donald, the city's recreational coordinator and naturalist at the Marina.

Constructed from bales of rice straw, the proposed building — along with the long-established Visitor Center and Adventure Playground — will add yet an-

other dimension to an environmental awareness program famous across the nation.

Teaching fun of reuse

Currently, the visitor center stands alone, a portable building set atop a knoll across the road from the Marina's harbor and berths.

A grassy lawn spills eastward from the center, melding into a sand-and-pebble beach where Bay waters quietly lap against the shore.

Adventure Playground is close by, a landmark spot where children use wood, hammers, saws and nails to build stages, mazes and forts.

They also swing on ropes and climb upon parabolic-shaped nets. Those that are tall enough grip the handle of a pulley, leap from a tall platform and glide downward on a flexing rope, with a hoot and a holler eventually crashing into a large hill of sand, portions of

which they take home in trousers, shoes and socks.

The amazing thing is that they also learn how to build things, and the value of recycled materials.

The Marina visitor and recreation center is no secret, though many may wish it was. In fact every year close to 30,000 young people visit the area, a virtual children's paradise.

Donald, who has taught at the Marina for 20 years, said the straw building project will add much needed class and office space to the center, which offers programs for children year round.

Straw buildings are already in use, Donald said, in particular in areas where people live just outside of a county's electrical grid and must, by necessity, conserve energy.

Though most homes that use straw bales in construction are built of hay, Donald said rice straw offers the same advantages: A cheap, renewable resource that provides excellent insulation.

In order to make bales of rice straw rigid enough to form walls, rebar is pounded through the stacks, Donald said. The materials are then waterproofed, covered with chicken wire, and sprayed or smeared with plaster,

gunite, or clay.

There is no fire hazard associated with the use of straw insulation, Donald said, because it is sealed air tight.

According to Donald, a rice straw building will offer additional space to a nature study program that is already considered a gem of the East Bay. It will also showcase the use of recycled materials that in many instances are superior to products more commonly used, she said.

Donald said the building, if constructed, will be warmed by sun light.

Double-paned windows will face the east capturing heat to warm the indoors and trap it inside. The roof, built with photo voltaic panels, will also collect energy and store it in batteries.

Using the energy collected from the sun, water will be heated and circulated beneath the building through a series of pipes and hoses that will snake through a cement floor. If things work well, the building might be so energy efficient that the center can sell electricity back to the electric company.

Once constructed, plans call for other recycled materials to be used in the structure, including a tabletop made from recycled glass.

Three years in the planning, Donald said the project also includes plans

to build an outdoor classroom nearby — a roofed area needed for a program that currently jams students into a 20 by 40 foot portable.

Not only are students crowded in the small classroom, but Donald, teachers and other staff members must perform office work there.

In addition to much-needed additional classroom space, the outdoor covered classroom will provide a facility where children can watch and study birds and the weather, Donald said. It will also provide an ideal location for special presentations.

The veteran teacher said the idea of the project was born following a lecture by architect Greg Van Mechlen.

With the help of Berkeley Councilwoman Linda Maio and many others, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory provided \$25,000 in seed money for the project, contingent on the center's ability to raise an additional \$50,000.

Denise Brown, a teacher and volunteer, then "set about writing grants," Donald said. Soon the Alameda Waste Management Authority awarded the project \$40,000, and the West Berkeley Foundation contributed an additional \$5,000.

"The City Council added \$5,000 more when we were short," Donald

added. Yet to make the straw building reality and not just a vision from a children's book, the Marina Visitor Center must raise an additional \$50,000.

"That is difficult to do when you're not a non-profit," Donald lamented. "It's difficult under any circumstances."

Yet after exploring tidepools and wetlands with a dozen kids in the last over 20 years, Donald has learned to generate interest in an endeavor world as well as hopes for a bright future.

Always amazed by the spirit of discovery that flashes across a child's face when they unearth clams and then them up again, Donald has taught thousands of children to respect all life. Now she hopes the community will pitch in to help broaden the center of her net.

"If everyone who ever visited the Adventure Playground and the Visitor Center each donated \$2, we would easily reach our goal," Donald said.

After all, the program Donald directs at the Marina Visitor Center is priceless as the lessons children learn there.

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Abelson

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"I've also been involved in a lot of community activities, not just the political ones, but also what I would call more community-service oriented ones," she said and noted her involvement in Earth Day and with local schools.



Abelson

Asked about the top problems facing El Cerrito, Abelson said "the number one problem is our financial situation." She said the city has "operating needs" and "capital needs" and other issues concerning the "business community" and residents' "ability to shop." Abelson said "I think those are all related items at a certain level" and added "I think it's vital for our community that we have a healthy business community."

Abelson said the city has some "very significant" capital needs and listed the swim center, the public safety building and streets as three top concerns.

Asked about a possible tax measure, Abelson said some type of tax measure to fund capital projects is "the only way we're going to get a solution in the near future," Abelson added. "We don't have a lot of operating income, so I don't see any other way to do it." Abelson was asked if she supports the \$5 million-plus funding measure for the swim center, and other projects that looks to be heading for the March 2000 ballot. "I think so, based on what I know about it," she said.

Asked about the city's capital reserves, Abelson said that in the future it would be a "desirable goal" to have a larger fund, but added "you have to have money to fund these things." She said "it may get to a point where you say, well, do we want police and fire or do we want this reserve."

Abelson said she would like to see San Pablo Avenue "better utilized" in terms of business. She said she would like to see fewer closed stores and more "viable businesses" to "meet the needs of our residents."

On the issue of the Plaza, Abelson said she is glad to see something finally happening there. "It's not my ideal project, but I am very, very happy to be getting a project — and I think it's a viable project. I'm happy to see that it's financed by the developers."

Abelson said the Plaza is the number one issue people ask her about in the neighborhoods.

Abelson was asked if the new Plaza will become El Cerrito's elusive city center. "What I also hear people wanting is a place that they can go and shop and congregate and feel a sense of community," Abelson said. The new stores, walkways and restaurants at the place will make it more "alive" she said. She said there already is a sense of community in and around the Plaza and that the center's reconstruction will make this even

O'Keefe

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quo," O'Keefe said. "I represent a change and a new direction for the city," she added.

When asked about the city's top problems, O'Keefe said redevelopment "has not given us the benefits that we expected from it." She said the Redevelopment Agency's purpose "was to revitalize the Plaza and it's failed in that effort." O'Keefe added: "Every dollar we spend on a redevelopment project that doesn't bring us sales tax revenue to fund city services is a dollar that could have been spent on another project that would bring us revenue."



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She said there has been a "failure of past council decisions over the last 10 years" and that "they looked at a project without really seeing if it was going to be beneficial to the city in terms of sales tax revenue."

"I think we've focused on redevelopment to the exclusion of our city's infrastructure," O'Keefe said. "We have a pool that is basically obsolete. They haven't looked at what the maintenance needs of the pools were — they've known for 16 years that the pool was obsolete and they have not addressed that issue and all of the sudden it's an emergency."

She also said city streets "have been deteriorating for 20 years" and that money owed to the city by the Redevelopment Agency could have been used for infrastructure repair and maintenance.

O'Keefe was asked if she thinks El

Cerrito politics are becoming more contentious. "I think there is a political machine that's operating in El Cerrito that's been controlling the city for the last 10 years at least," she said. "That political machine wants to retain its power and not to have any change occur." Asked if this political machine is comprised of city staff or City Council, O'Keefe said "there may be some members of the City Council who are part of the political machine that has been in power for the last 10 years."

On the matter of the swim center funding measure that will apparently be on the March 2000 ballot, O'Keefe said she would support it, and said "the costs need to be clearly identified and they need to be reasonable" and that the contingency fees need to be reviewed. She also said the city should look at how many pool users are non-residents and "perhaps re-evaluate our fees."

Asked about El Cerrito's many capital needs, O'Keefe said "I think we need to identify what our immediate needs are and I think it's sad that we have to face a crisis in order to get these things fixed."

She said long-term planning is needed in El Cerrito. "We're facing a crisis of emergency needs with inadequate planning in the past," O'Keefe said. "We have to deal with it now and it may require a tax measure for certain needs such as the pool and the public safety building." O'Keefe said street reconstruction may be able to be funded on a "pay-as-you-go" basis.

"I think we need to look at increasing our sales tax revenue through bringing in new businesses and increasing the competitive edge of our existing businesses," she said. "If we can't meet the needs that way, then we'll have to ask our voters if they feel that our streets merit a tax increase."

Asked if she is happy with the Plaza reconstruction plan, O'Keefe

said, "I'm happy that we're bringing businesses in finally after 20 years of redevelopment — no thanks to redevelopment."

She said she is not happy with the Plaza plan "in terms of a street running through it," but added that it is encouraging that something is happening there.

She said people want a place to shop in their city. "Our residents are telling me that they don't shop in El Cerrito," O'Keefe said. "The demographics of El Cerrito has changed; I think we need to market El Cerrito," she added. "We need to bring in the kinds of businesses that these young professionals want to shop in, and keep our sales tax revenue here in El Cerrito."

As for what people are talking about and asking about when she walks city precincts, O'Keefe said "they're fed up with the way the city is being run." Asked for specifics, she said "they're very unhappy with redevelopment not bringing Plaza development many years ago — they're unhappy with the shopping choices — they're unhappy with the big-box development." She also said El Cerritos are "unhappy with the lack of interest in listening to neighborhood concerns" about such things as traffic.

As an example of city officials others not listening to city residents, O'Keefe cited the recent Plan process. O'Keefe said she complained for months that the General Plan was using five-year-old traffic data and that "there is no recent data available." She said the (General Plan) Environmental Impact Report plan was done prior to the General Plan and that "normalizing more recent traffic data would have required modifying the Environmental Impact Report — and developing mitigation measures."

O'Keefe said she has enjoyed talking to people in the community during her campaign. "It's very enlightening to hear them echo concerns about the way the city has been going over the last many years and to find their support for moving the city forward," she later added that, "I have experienced and I have the know-how to get the job done."

O'Keefe's endorsers include Cerrito Mayor Gina Brustatoro, City Councilman Larry Damon and former Cerrito council members Mespelt, Mae Ritz and Don Keefe is also endorsed by the National Women's Political Caucus of Contra Costa County and the Sierra Club San Francisco Bay Chapter.

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one-bath apartment ranges from \$461 to \$596 while a new two-bedroom, one-bath apartment costs about \$990, and a similar townhouse for \$1,035. Utilities are included. Higher rents are needed because the project doesn't receive any state funds and must pay for itself, said Larry LeGrande, assistant vice-chancellor of residential and student services programs. "The only way we can pay for housing is to generate revenues," he said.

The policy of increasing rent to help pay for construction was necessary to ensure village living conditions would be improved, LeGrande said. "It became clear if we didn't start doing something there would be no family housing," he said.

A survey last month of the village tenants found that the majority of the 215 who responded said if they had no choice but the higher rents,

they would move out, said Diane Rush Woods, chairwoman of the University Village Residents Association. The association conducted the survey and is negotiating with the university to find rental solutions.

"What they built is really attractive, it's just not affordable in terms of who is currently living in the village," Woods said.

Schulzke, who has three children and lives in an older unit, said her family could not afford a new apartment on her husband's \$1,700 a month salary from two jobs.

The controversy comes as fast rising Berkeley-area rents have left many students struggling to make ends meet.

For the past year, the university has been knocking down and rebuilding apartments at the village, a 920-unit housing complex. Many of the old buildings were built during World War II to accommodate war workers and had begun falling apart.

The new units are townhouse style and wired for the Internet. The \$55 million project is being done in waves so some apartments always

remain available. Since construction began, the 3,000-tenant village has dwindled to 600.

The number of units in the new housing will stay about the same, but there will be more two- and three-bedroom units.

Students moved into the first 22 completed units Friday. Another 22 are expected to be done later this month. University officials hope to have 392 finished by August.

LeGrande said his office has been talking with university fund-raisers about adding housing to their list. He's also trying to hasten a second part of the project to develop a commercial strip in the section of the complex bordering San Pablo Avenue to generate lease income for the project.

Meanwhile, a student group is circulating a petition asking the university to keep one lower rent housing strip built in the 1960s.

This isn't likely, LeGrande said, because the life of the buildings is limited and the cost to replace them will continue to rise. "Construction will never get any cheaper," he said.

Street

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what it will cost to reconstruct and maintain El Cerrito's streets. Harris and Associates was given this task by the City Council last July and the company re-inspected the streets and re-calculated "condition ratings" for each street.

Using a ratings system called the "pavement condition index," the consultants reported that "El Cerrito's current average PCI rating is 54 out of 100." Harris and Associates Vice President Bob Guletz said at the meeting that a 54 rating "is not good." He said most cities "strive for an 83 to 85 PCI rating as a goal." In 1996, El Cerrito's streets were given a 66 rating.

A number of scenarios were presented in the report, ranging from spending \$250,000 a year over the next five years to spending

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— Bob Guletz, vice president Harris and Associates

\$2,225,000 during the same period.

In response to a question, Guletz also pointed out that the study considered pavement only — estimates do not include costs associated with such things as curb, gutter and sidewalk repair and maintenance.

"I view the street maintenance issue as sort of like the 700-pound gorilla of the rehabilitation issues," said Councilman Norman La Force. "It's \$10 million to \$15 million for the streets is an awful lot to do at once." La Force said he would like to see a more comprehensive analysis that included not only pavement, but also curbs, curb-

cuts and sidewalks.

The council decided by consensus that staff should develop a work plan and time line that spends more than \$250,000 annually on street maintenance. Councilman Larry Damon said "it's kind of a toss up" between the \$725,000 and the \$975,000 funding scenarios. The \$2 million-plus annual spending scenario was generally acknowledged to be unrealistic for El Cerrito.

The city has about 68 miles of road — 41 miles of residential streets, 15 miles of arterial streets and 12 miles of collector streets.

Solano

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at some point soon, that entire area will be beautiful and thriving," he said.

Not some merchants aren't so happy. One, who asked not to be named, complained of rising rents. "We've been here many years and managed through the sewer problem," she said. "We lost a lot of business then because the streets were so bad and there was no place to park."

"But we didn't ask the (property) owner for a break. But recently, he raised the rent — and not just a little bit, either. He also gave me a shorter lease, so I don't know what is going to happen."

Some landlords plan on selling property on Solano Avenue.

"I'm just tired of being a landlord," said Jeanne Yeh, co-owner of Investment House Real Estate. "I don't mean it as a joke. I just don't want to own property anymore."

Yeh and her husband own two storefronts on Solano Avenue in addition to the building where they do

business.

"I've owned property on Solano for over 20 years," Yeh said. "It's time to move on. You know? I have a six-year-old daughter and I want to spend more time with her."

Merchants, renters, customers and landlords are invited to share their thoughts about what is happening on west Solano Avenue, and their ideas about revitalization. Send an email to JCarter1@cctimes.com, or call: 339-4500.

Report

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mislead the (Committee of the Whole) as to what the real cost might be." The report recommends the City Council "spend the necessary funds" to get accurate estimates on the city's capital needs and periodically update these estimates.

The Financial Review Team's report also brings up the issue of what it calls "questionable practices" of the "city manager's house agreement modifications." It states that a 1997 City Council decision to "forgive" all financial requirements one year away from collecting about \$100,000 at a time when the city was facing severe financial shortfalls is a very serious issue. The report charges that "the lack of disclosure was so severe that several council members who voted for the bill were not aware

of the fiscal implications." It says the council "must put policies in place to ensure that future bills dealing with any of the city's fiscal matters must be fully disclosed."

The report ends with the recommendation for a "permanent and independent" fiscal advisory committee. "It is evident from the above report that the city desperately needs a fiscal advisory committee, both to have useful input as well as to restore trust." This new committee should report directly to the City Council, the report concludes.

"We are not saying any specific recommendation in terms of the city should do x, y or z," Magyary told the Committee of the Whole. "What we're primarily doing in this report is recommending avenues that need to be further explored" by the City Council or an advisory group. "All these issues are going to take years and years to resolve, there's no quick solution to any of

them," he added.

"I guess what bothers me is you're accusing people of being either incompetent or deliberately misleading" Committee of the Whole member Sharlene Loretz said when Magyary was talking about the swim center estimates. Committee member Harvey Wittenberg said words in that part of the report "violate the spirit and principle of the report" and are "attacks on people."

After Magyary's presentation, it was pointed out that this is only a preliminary Financial Review Team report on city finances. Magyary urged people to send him suggestions and comments to be discussed at future Financial Review Team meetings. The report will be further refined and reworked and will eventually come back to the Committee of the Whole for a vote. Any final report that is approved by the Committee of the Whole will then be sent to the City Council.

Campus

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Student board member Emily Jackson said that "there is a lot of concern about fire exits" in the Fine Arts Building, exits blocked because work underway on Key Route Boulevard.

Jackson said the main entrance to the Little Theater and the west stage exit are both blocked.

Stressing the efforts of students to develop "creative solutions" to what they know are "temporary problems" due to construction, Jackson suggested steps should be taken to remedy a "potentially dangerous" situation.

Bill Cain said the west stage exit will only be blocked temporarily due to the replacement of a storm drain

nearby. Mills assured Jackson he would immediately investigate the situation as a whole and find a remedy.

Mills also announced the "partial closing" of Key Route Boulevard from Oct. 18 to 25, due to the work on the storm drains there. The street and sidewalk bordering the project area will also soon be closed for three weeks due to excavations, Mills added.

The superintendent also announced plans Tuesday to form a 61-member "key communicator group," one he said is designed to draw a cross-section of the community into the district decision making process.

A long list of potential members was suggested by Mills, one that includes parents, public officials, members of the business community, teachers, representatives from the PTA, and a host of others.

Student board member Oscar Whelan pointed out there were no students on the list, an "oversight" Mills said would be corrected.

Board member Skinner asked who would choose the 10 "non-parent" representatives included on the list. Skinner and Cain also appeared to question the need for six PTA-appointed representatives on the 61-member panel.

During a confusing discussion nearly inaudible from the audience, other issues were raised about the list, though details were difficult to glean.

In addition to the special board meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19, the next regular session of the board will be Oct. 26. All meetings are held at the Cornell School multipurpose room.

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Gina DePaulo

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BART a model of user-unfriendly

How do I hate BART? Let me count the ways.

The last straw occurred last Thursday, when thousands of riders showed up for the morning commute, only to discover that the ticket machines suddenly wouldn't accept \$20 bills.

Ten years ago, this wouldn't have been a problem. But nowadays, \$20 bills are the only kind of bills dispensed by ATM machines. Many people don't have any other denomination in their wallets.

BART said they did it to foil counterfeiters. Fine. But why no warning to the customers ahead of time? Why no fliers in the stations or announcements on the media the night before? The first most people heard about it was when they arrived at the station.

The station agents were no help, of course. Most of them didn't even know it was happening until riders started complaining.

"We're always the last to find out," sighed one agent.

This was just the latest example of BART's ongoing indifference to the convenience of its customers.

Now, some of BART's problems are structural, and they're going to take a lot of time and money to fix, if they're ever fixed at all.

The main structural flaw is that BART is a commuter system, not a transit one. It basically exists to move people from downtown to downtown. To get anywhere else, you have to rely on one of BART's feeder lines, which have problems of their own: AC Transit is well managed but badly funded, while Muni is well funded but badly managed.

But many other BART boo-boos could be fixed without spending a penny. I get reminded of this every time I travel to Washington, D.C., where the



MARTIN SNAPP

Snapp Shots

local transit system, the Metro, was built by the same company that built BART. Metro is what a subway system is like when it's run properly.

It looks just like BART. The ticket machines operate just like BART's. But the difference in service is like night and day. For instance:

On Metro, the train operators announce each station on the line. Always. No exceptions.

On BART, sometimes they announce the station and sometimes they don't. It seems to be up to the whim of the driver. This has caused me to miss my stop more than once, because the signs at many older stations are few and far between, and they're often dimly lit.

And what about blind passengers, who are totally dependent on verbal announcements to know which station they're at? I sat next to a blind guy last week, and he told me he copes with the problem by memorizing the entire line and counting stops. "Trouble is," he said, "every time the train makes an unscheduled stop between stations (which happens all too often these days) I get completely faked out."

Moreover, on those rare occasions when the operator does make an announcement, you're lucky if you can understand what he or she is saying. Unlike Metro, where the operators speak loudly and distinctly, BART drivers often mumble. Or they talk while another announcement is blaring over the station public address system, completely drowning out their words.

I once complained to a BART spokesman about this, and he said the reason was that many of the older trains have PA systems that need to be repaired. So repair them already!

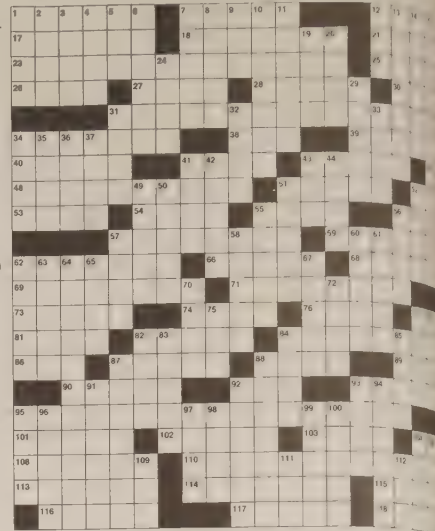
And would it be too much to ask the operator to talk to the passengers and explain what's happening when the train makes an unscheduled stop in the Transbay Tube? Some of us are claustrophobic, and it would help to know whether the wait is likely to be five minutes or five hours. Either way, it would nice to feel you haven't been forgotten.

It would be nice if BART kept the station agents in the loop, too. For most customers, they are the face of BART. Yet they aren't given even the

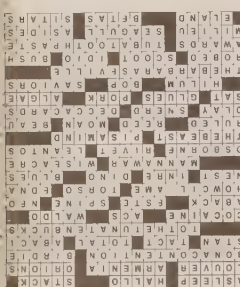
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Answers



most basic information, so they receive the brunt of the abuse from frustrated riders. Metro is able to keep its agents up to date. Why can't BART?

And take the ticket machines — please! Unlike Metro, BART machines are notoriously cranky about accepting bills that haven't come directly off the printing press. This creates a huge bottleneck, with people fuming in line while the guy in front fumbles for a bill that the machine will deign to accept.

Metro has another way to reduce ticket delays: The machine will give you a discount if you buy your ticket in large amounts.

BART also offers discount tickets, but few people take advantage of it because BART makes it as hard as possible to get one. Instead of buying the ticket at the most logical

place — namely, your local BART station — you have to go to a Safeway or Lucky or some other store.

Why make people go through the hassle of schlepping off-site? In Washington, D.C., all you have to do is put a \$20 bill into the ticket machine, and it gives you a ticket worth \$22. What could be simpler? (By the way, Metro's discounts are more generous than BART's, and they start at a lower dollar amount.)

And here's another gimmick that BART would do well to copy: Metro also gives you a discount when you ride outside the rush hours, which encourages passengers to spread the traffic throughout the day. Why can't BART? It wouldn't cost much. Just reprogram the computer to recognize the

time of day when the ticket is inserted.

I want to make one thing clear: I'm not knocking BART employees. Many are struggling to give the customers first-rate service. But they're forced to struggle against their own system. And I hate to say it, but some seem burned out by the effort.

And I'm not saying BART is a total disaster. It's clean, and it runs mostly on time. (Although how come Metro is able to run trains every six minutes, when BART can only manage one every 20 minutes? And how come it takes so long to repair anything that's broken? I'll be an old man before the escalators at the North Berkeley and Ashby stations get fixed.)

Nor am I suggesting something

that would require big bucks. Building extensions to Oakland and San Francisco airports (which have been done 25 years ago) the system was built).

But I do have a suggestion for management that is nothing revolutionary: Why not try to take your own trains for a week? I'm a newspaper columnist — to make wrong, or how easily it could be. Assuming, of course, that has the will to fix it.

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Prepared for the Big One? Many Bay Area residents are not

By James Carter

Many individuals and agencies are better prepared for an earthquake now than they were prior to the Loma Prieta disaster in 1989. But when The Big One strikes and the earth shifts, "at best 50 per cent of the people will be ready."

The rest of us may be in trouble. That is the conclusion reached by Dallas Jones, a man who knows something about the state of earthquake preparation. He is the director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

Jones made his prediction during a day-long conference held in Oakland Oct. 13, called "Community Collaboration: The Legacy of Loma Prieta."

Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the California Office of Emergency Services, close to 100 people gathered at the Oakland Marriott Hotel to discuss progress made and work remaining to be done before another major earthquake strikes the Bay Area.

"People are better prepared than they were a few years back," Jones said. "But a lot of people don't take disaster preparedness seriously. And we're working real hard to convince them to."

Key lesson learned

One of the key lessons learned after the Loma Prieta earthquake is the

crucial role community groups play in both disaster preparations and during recovery, Jones said.

"They know the communities and the people in them. They have the credibility. That's why we try to support them any way we can."

Yet many speakers and panelists warned that it is precisely those groups that have been ignored — both financially and organizationally — by major agencies, foundations, and the local infrastructure.

Boone Cheema is the executive director of an organization called "Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency," a group that works with homeless people.

After Loma Prieta struck in 1989, Cheema said, "I was stealing from our folks and our shelters, making people eat less so that we could feed other people who didn't have anything. That shouldn't happen."

"What seemed odd to us in 1989 was that all the resources went to San Francisco. They got all the attention," she said. "But they didn't even need to open a shelter for the community that was hit there. Everyone went to hotels."

Cheema said the emergency response to the quake in Oakland "was very, very late," and that those brought in to work with people most impacted were not "culturally competent."

"We are talking about a commu-

nity where 90 percent of the folk are poor and people of color," she said.

Local community groups have asked for training so they can "better serve their people" in the event of an emergency, according to Joseph Valentine.

Valentine is currently a consultant in nonprofit management. He is also a former executive director of the United Way of the Bay Area, and was once interim president of The American Red Cross for this area.

Special needs

Winner of the prestigious Robert Kirkwood Award from the San Francisco Foundation in 1987, Valentine said many organizations that work with what he called "groups with special needs," need to be included in all efforts of earthquake preparations.

Many organizations "have worked with minority groups, monolingual groups, and people with disabilities," even though their mission is not disaster relief. We need to learn, we need to be able to respond and help the people," he said.

Yet even if 500 such groups get together, there are probably 10,000 nonprofit organizations alone in the Bay Area, he stated.

As a consequence, Valentine said it is crucial those groups be included in preparedness training.

"I think the American Red Cross

is great, OK? They have absolute well-proven ways of doing things," he said. "And that's what they think they need to keep doing. But those things don't bring together the people that have special needs."

"The Red Cross staff, they don't have people that speak all the languages spoken, either as volunteers or as staff. People with disabilities — they simply don't understand what the limitations are for them. Do they need to be able to do every single bit of that? No, but they need to be able to create linkages."

Asked why such organizations have not been able to forge better links, Valentine said, "The head of disaster preparedness for the Red Cross is good. He's the best in the country, if you want to know the truth. But," he added in a whisper, "it's territorial."

In 1989, Cheema said she told her staff "we're going out there and we're going to take care of people and worry about the money later. If it had been a different kind of executive director, they might have said 'the earthquake is not our problem, it's not our issue.' That worries me."

"In our case, we lost money. We were never fully reimbursed for the three years of restoration work it took us to get 3,200 people back into housing after the earthquake."

Cheema said a fund should be set

"People are better prepared than they were a few years back," Jones said. "But a lot of people don't take disaster preparedness seriously."

— Dallas Jones, director of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services

aside to be used in the case of a disaster — one that would be "identified" and available to groups that do community work before and after a disaster.

Disaster preparedness

"I think what's important as organizations go about their daily business is that they incorporate disaster preparedness into what they do," said Michael Groza.

Groza is vice president of community programs for the Marin Community Fund, a foundation he said serves that area exclusively.

"For instance, if a food bank is

getting funded to manage, store, and distribute food, they should be on as part of their mission with the local government to contribute and be a contact for that neighborhood and others might be appropriate."

Asked why more resources allocated to such organizations, Jones said, "I don't know. I mean, the individual funding decision is a different revenue source. The ways outstrips the amount of money available. That's a major problem."

However, Groza was quick to say that "the more we can institutionalize community-based organizations in the community as part of the response system, then their going just for disaster response but their ongoing responsibility."

Groza said those responsible for "dove-tail well" with disaster response.

"Poor people don't have resources," Cheema said. "You're they're dealing with guns, with their kids dying in the streets, already living in a disaster."

"We really need to go down those communities and do the door organizing instead of coming to assume community groups are going to be able to do that. We need to reach out and care of each other."

SURVIVAL KIT

Prepare to take care of yourself, your family and your neighbors for at least three days.

- At home, at work and in your cars, store flashlights, batteries, an A-B-C rated fire extinguisher (one that fights flames from wood, oil or electrical fires), a battery-operated radio, a first-aid kit and handbook, one gallon of water per person per day, food, non-electric can opener, essential medicines, warm clothes and sturdy shoes. Include cash and credit cards.
- Store emergency supplies in a safe and convenient place.
- Make sure everyone in your family knows where these supplies are and how to use them. Take a course in first aid.
- Look at the "First Aid and Survival Guide" in the introductory pages of most telephone directories. Your local Office of Emergency Services and American Red Cross chapter can provide pamphlets, slide shows, videotapes and/or speakers to help you and groups prepare.
- Discuss the options and devise earthquake drills.

Source: U.S. Geological Survey

PLANNING

A workday quake could separate family members for hours to several days. Consider your family's likely needs.

- Do not use telephones in the first hours after a major quake except for emergencies.
- Completing local calls will be difficult. Communication to points outside northern California may be easier. Choose a relative or friend living outside the Bay Area whom family members may call. Make sure family members carry this number at all times.
- Learn how to use a fire extinguisher, to rescue people trapped under debris, to provide first aid, to find help for emergencies and to assist others, especially the elderly, immobile or handicapped.
- Broken gas lines are the most common cause of earthquake-related fires. Everyone should know how to turn off the gas supply at the meter if they smell gas. Buy a special wrench for the turn-off valve and keep it next to the valve.
- Learn your local school's policy concerning release of children after an earthquake. Arrange with neighbors to watch out for your family and property in case you are not at home.
- Make plans with your family, your neighbors and your co-workers. Every business should have an emergency-response plan.

Source: U.S. Geological Survey/Contra Costa County Fire Protection District

CHILDREN

Children need to be prepared for an earthquake as much as adults, if not more.

Infants and toddlers

- Special emphasis should be placed on making the environment as safe as possible.
- Cribs should be placed away from windows and tall, unsecured bookcases and shelves that could slide or topple.
- Store in an accessible place a minimum 72-hour supply of extra water, formula, bottles, food, juices, clothing, disposable diapers, baby wipes and medications.
- Store strollers, wagons, blankets and cribs with appropriate wheels to evacuate infants.
- Install bumper pads in cribs or bassinets.
- Install latches on all cupboards (not just those young children can reach) so that nothing can fall on your baby during a quake.

Preschool and school-age children

- By age 3 or so, children can understand what an earthquake is and how to get ready for one. Take the time to explain what causes earthquakes in terms they'll understand. Include your children in family discussions and planning for earthquake safety. Conduct drills and review safety procedures every six months.
- Show children the safest places to be in each room when an earthquake hits. Also show them all possible exits from each room.
- Use sturdy tables to teach children to duck, cover and hold.
- Teach children what to do wherever they are during an earthquake (at school, in a tall building, outdoors).
- Advise children to tell an adult if they smell gas after an earthquake.

Source: state Office of Emergency Services

PETS

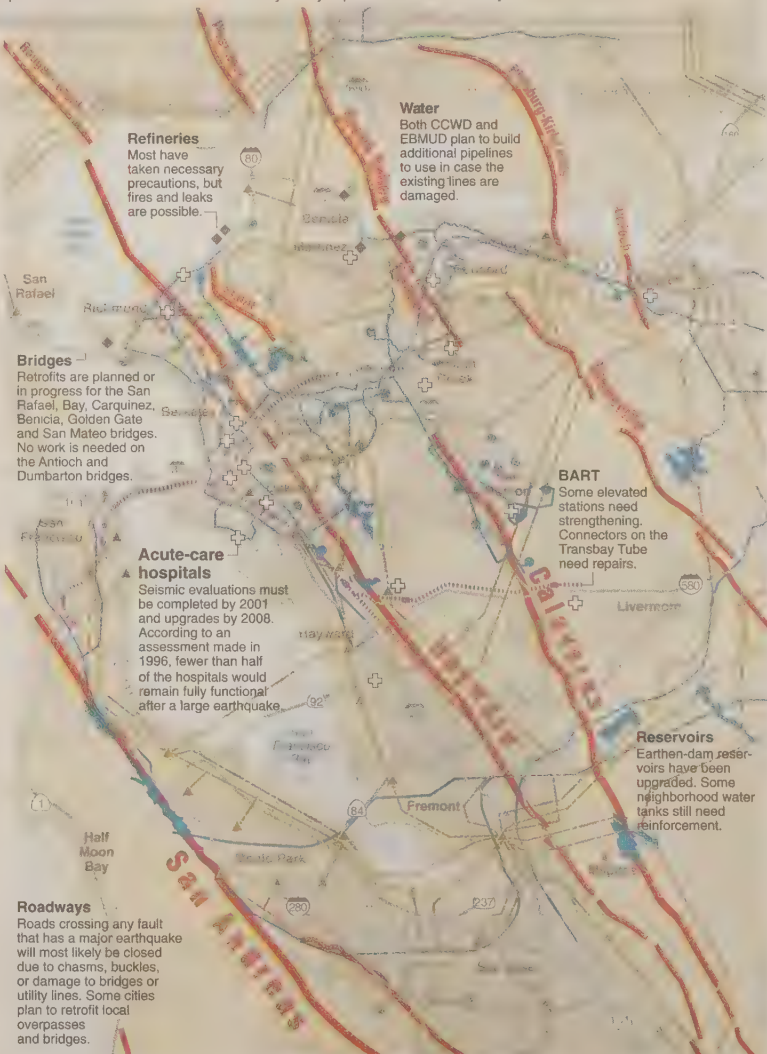
- Pet behavior may change dramatically after an earthquake. Normally quiet and friendly cats and dogs may become aggressive or defensive. Watch animals closely. Leash dogs in a fenced yard.
- Pets may not be allowed into shelters for health and space reasons. Prepare an emergency pen for pets in the house that includes a three-day supply of dry food and a large container of water.

Living with our faults

The East Bay is prime earthquake country, with all its central lifelines — transit, water, power, gas and communications — crossing active faults. These lifelines travel over hills that are susceptible to landslides and over the bay shore's soft soils, which are likely to liquefy during a large quake.

Agencies and businesses are spending billions of dollars to ensure that essential services can withstand a large earthquake, but it will be years before some of those seismic programs are finished.

A report released in 1990 estimated that there was a 67 percent probability that a major quake would occur on the San Andreas, Hayward or Rodgers Creek fault in the next 30 years. A revised estimate is expected Thursday, based on a more inclusive selection of the Bay Area faults. Most emergency planners familiar with the new estimate say a major quake is a virtual certainty.



Sources: U.S. Geological Survey, Association of Bay Area Governments, State Health Services Department, Contra Costa Water District, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute

PROTECT YOUR BELONGINGS

Falling objects and toppling furniture present the greatest danger and the biggest financial loss for most people. Protect the contents of your kitchen cabinets falling to the floor on your head. At home, at work and in schools, buildings should be secured.

- Be sure that no heavy items, such as pictures or bookcases, fall on your bed.
- Secure tall furniture and bookcases to the wall. Add shelves to prevent costly items from slipping off. Be sure adjustable shelves cannot slide off their supports.
- Put strong latches on cabinet doors, especially in laboratories and in laboratories at work.
- Fasten heavy or precious items to secured shelves and secure file cabinets, computers and machinery that can turn around an earthquake.
- Store hazardous materials such as cleaners, herbicides, pesticides, insecticides and petroleum products in secure and sturdy cabinets fastened to the wall or floor.
- In your office, be sure heavy objects are fastened to the building structure and not just to a movable wall.
- Be sure your gas water heater is fastened to the wall and that all gas heaters and appliances are connected to gas pipe through a short piece of flexible tubing. If you use propane gas, be sure the storage tank is secured against overturning and sliding.

Source: U.S. Geological Survey

BEFORE THE QUAKE

- Identify safe places in each room — under sturdy furniture such as a heavy desk or table, against an inside wall, from where glass could shatter around windows, mirrors or where heavy bookcases or other heavy furniture fall over.
- Locate safe places outdoors — in the open, away from buildings, trees, telephones and electrical lines, overpasses, elevated expressways.
- Make sure all family members know how to respond to an earthquake and teach children how and when to call for help or the fire department and which radio station to listen for emergency information.

DURING THE QUAKE

- If you're indoors:
 - Take cover under a piece of heavy furniture or against a side wall.
 - Stay inside: Trying to leave a building is the most dangerous thing to do because objects may fall on you.
- If you're outdoors:
 - Move into the open, away from buildings, street lights, utility wires.
 - Once in the open, stay there until the shaking stops.
- If you're in a moving vehicle:
 - Stop quickly and stay inside.
 - Move to a clear area away from buildings, trees, power or utility wires.
 - Once the shaking has stopped, proceed with caution.
 - Avoid bridges or ramps that might have been damaged.

AFTERWARD

- Be prepared for aftershocks. They cause additional damage and may bring weakened structures down. Aftershocks occur in the first hours, days, weeks or even months after a quake.
- Help injured or trapped people.
- Give first aid where appropriate. Do not move severely injured people unless they are in immediate danger of injury.
- Listen to a battery-operated radio or television for the emergency information.
- Remember to help your neighbors who may need assistance — infants, the elderly and people with disabilities.
- Stay out of damaged buildings. Return home only when authorities say it is safe.
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.
- Immediately clean up spilled medicines, bleach, oil, paint or other flammable liquids. Leave the area if you smell fumes from other chemicals.

INSPECTING THE DAMAGE

- Check for gas leaks: Turn off the gas valve only if you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise. Open a window to quickly leave the building. Only a professional can check for gas back on.
- Look for electrical system damage: If you see sparks, smoke or frayed wires, or if you smell hot insulation or electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker, step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker and call an electrician first.
- Check for sewage- and water-line damage: If you see water, avoid using the toilets. If water pipes are damaged, use water from the tap. You can obtain safe water by ice cubes or by draining the water heater.

Some building types pose a greater risk of collapse

Variations in soil type, construction methods and design make every building behave differently during an earthquake.

Even identical buildings, standing side by side, can perform differently, with one remaining unscathed and the other sustaining serious damage.

There are some construction types, however, that are known to pose

more of a collapse risk than others:

- Unreinforced masonry:** Even moderate shaking damages it. Such brick structures account for a small percentage of Bay Area buildings.
- Multistory apartment buildings with garages on the ground floor:** These buildings sometimes have weak connections between the foundation and upper floors.
- Multistory concrete buildings**

from the '50s, '60s and '70s: Many older hospitals and large apartment buildings have this type of construction. These are the buildings most likely to crumble in a severe quake.

Tilt-up buildings: These are the ubiquitous structures used in office parks and by big-box retailers. Many such buildings sustained significant damage during the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

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Section B

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Disclosure settles fears, stems lawsuits

Realtors pressed to 'tell more, not less' about potential woes

By Ted Cuzzillo
CORRESPONDENT

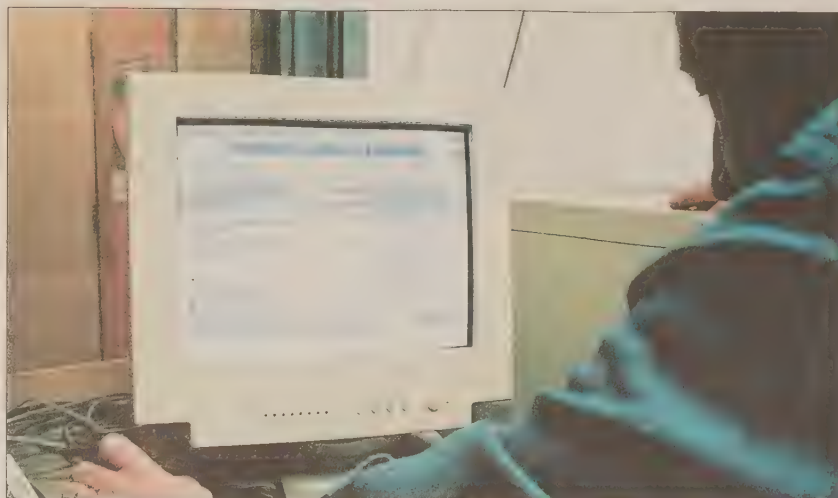
Three years ago a house in the East Bay was put up for sale by people who hadn't lived there but whose son had — and he may have been producing illegal drugs there and dumping chemicals on the lawn. The parents were embarrassed, and it was bad enough that even a few people knew. But did they have to make it public in a disclosure statement?

Yes, they should, say area Realtors. "It's always better to tell more than less," said David Bigelow, a Berkeley Realtor.

Since the mid '80s, California law has led the nation in its strict requirement that sellers of residential real estate disclose anything that may materially affect the value of the home for sale.

When in doubt, said Walnut Creek Realtor George Irvin, most agents err on the side of disclosure. If you know something about the home or neighborhood

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KATHY BAKER/STAFF

ALAMEDA POLICE Lt. David Guarneri points out features in a database that residents can access to see if neighbors are registered as sex offenders under 'Megan's Law.' California home sellers and residential landlords must advise buyers and renters that information on registered child molesters is available at local police and sheriff's offices.

Home sales at the speed of light?

Thriving Berkeley startup taps online real estate market

By Psyche Pascual
CONTRA COSTA NEWSPAPERS

BERKELEY — Only a few months ago, Juan Mini and Scott Kucirek hadn't even secured their MBAs from the UC-Berkeley Haas School of Business when they landed \$1.7 million to start a new service for consumers who want to buy their homes online.

Now, their 2-month-old online realty, dubbed zipRealty.com, already has pushed out of Northern California into Southern California, with the hiring of new real estate agents in Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties. Last week, zipRealty.com expanded services to home sellers.

Next year, the firm plans to expand nationally.

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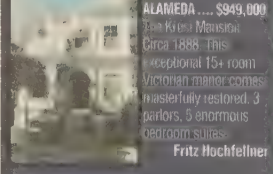
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This end up: Epiphany puts home construction in perspective

Boxes. It took years before it occurred to me, but I finally started thinking about houses as boxes: four sides, one lid, one bottom joined together.

I don't know why it took so long for me to think of this, but now that I have, I understand houses better.

For instance, I get the process of retrofitting houses for earthquakes. Improving the drainage around the outside of a house — getting water away — now strikes me as a simple and wise concept.

Now I think of sturdy houses as boxes with strong sides, bottoms and tops. The corners are reinforced so that the sides won't easily cave in. Holes that have been cut into the box are well sealed, and water flows unimpeded off the box top and away from the sides and bottom.

My thinking about this started while I was packing a gift to ship to a friend. I had chosen a fairly heavy cardboard box. It was a commercially made box, cut as one piece, then folded together. Staples were added and the seams were finished with strapping tape. I felt fairly sure that even with rough handling in transit, the exterior of the box and



By Tarpoff and Talbert

its contents would remain unbroken.

I had considered building my own box, but piecing together a sturdy box seemed difficult. The pieces would have to be cut and fitted just right, the seams brought together and securely fastened. Unless it were well made, the seams might rip open, the sides cave in; maybe the whole thing would disintegrate as it was being transported.

You've got the picture. Now think of houses as boxes. Most of the houses in our area are built on a concrete base, the foundation. Concrete is a strong material, fairly impervious to water. Workers dig holes and

pour concrete, and the whole affair is made stronger by the surrounding earth.

Then workers attach pieces of wood called sills to the concrete. They attach walls to the sills. They add roof rafters to the tops of the walls, and then the roof.

The exterior of the house box is sometimes covered with stucco, sometimes wood. Insulation and waterproof paper are often sandwiched between the layers to help keep the cold and rain out. Sometimes plywood shear walls are added to give strength to the corners.

If the top of the box, the roof, is put on correctly and if all the places where the pieces come together are tight, water should be kept out of the interior of the house. There are openings in the box: doors, windows, a chimney and vents to allow people to enter and leave, to see outside, to let in light and to get smoke and gases out of the house. The openings will work well if they are sealed, if there are no holes around them.

Those are the elements of the basic house box. If the materials are sound and the pieces fit securely, if nothing unusual comes along to spoil

things (high winds, earthquakes or streams running underneath), then it's a fine box.

Most houses also contain systems to provide warmth and comfort for the people who live in them: pipes carry hot and cold water; wires move electricity; there's some type of heating system and plumbing fixtures.

There usually are appliances for cooking and for keeping food cold, machines for washing and drying dishes and clothes. There are closets and cabinets for storing belongings and partitions with doors between them that divide the inside of the house for different activities.

Dazzling extras can be added, of course. Electrically operated skylights, or air conditioning, vacuum systems and built-in furniture; movie screens that automatically roll up, even indoor swimming pools with flowing waterfalls. But these are extras. They do not make up for a basic box that may be lacking.

See why thinking of a house as a box is helpful? It puts things in perspective. What you want is a good box, one that will last and is comfortable to spend time in. It sits

solidly on its spot. It won't sink or float off when it gets wet. Its sides and corners won't bend or buckle. Inside it is warm, bright and dry.

Houses are boxes that we go into and live. We close the door to our box and we can be alone and we can sleep. We're protected from the elements, people we don't want to see and wild animals.

What would it have been like, I wonder, to have been a pioneer, hot and dusty, coming across the plains, going into the unknown? Out there in the middle of somewhere, friends and family left behind. Having to deal with marauders and broken wagon axles, with rapidly running rivers to cross.

I know that if I had been a pioneer, if we'd managed to get to a new land, chosen a spot on which to settle down, I'd be the one dying to make a new house. As we approached that certain clearing, I'd leap from the wagon looking for materials. Rocks to pile up for trees to cut down.

We could scoop out a hold in the earth and line it with rocks, then add a roof. But probably we'll use the trees: select and fell them, remove

the branches, cut them up and use them together. Build it up and make it strong.

It would be hard work. It would take a lot of time. Even to make the sides of our box, we'd have to find a tree, cut it down, a lid and a bottom. We'd have to find a door, a way to get in and out at least one opening, a window so we can look out once we are alone.

I hope we didn't choose a place with a lot of trees. We'd have to burn fire, use rocks to make a fire, burn wood for warmth and cooking. And we'll cut a hole in the side of our box so we can see out and dark inside.

Too bad we won't have a running water, glass windows, electric lights to make a nice caulk in a disposable can of a roll of good strapping tape.

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Take chance on home warranty policy — it can save you big bucks

By Robert J. Bruss
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

Dear Bob: We are buying a house. Our real estate agent recommends we buy a one-year home warranty policy. I said this should be the seller's responsibility, but the agent said the seller refuses to pay. If we buy this policy, it will cost us \$550, including extra coverage for the roof and the pool. Do you think we should buy it? — Dave R.

Dear Dave: Yes. I highly recommend you buy that cheap home warranty policy. If nothing goes wrong, be thankful. But if something goes bad within the next year, you'll be happy you bought the policy.

A similar situation happened to me when I bought my current residence. The seller refused to pay for a one-year home warranty policy, which is often provided to buyers as a sales inducement. My buyer's agent strongly suggested I pay for the policy, and I'm glad I did.

Within a few weeks after moving

into my new home, I went out to the garage and found it was filled with steam. The water heater had sprung a leak. Being a cool, calm and collected guy, I groped my way to the water heater, found the shut-off control, cut off the gas and opened the garage door.

Then I remembered my home warranty policy and found the phone number. After explaining the problem, the operator arranged for a plumber to install a new water heater the same day.

When I asked if I could have a larger water heater, she said I would have to pay the additional cost, which, as I recall, was less than \$100. Since then, I have highly recommended one-year warranty policies to home buyers.

Don't believe mortgage lender's good faith cost estimate

Dear Bob: We are buying our first home. About two weeks ago, we re-

ceived a "good faith estimate" of costs from our lender. A few days ago, our final loan documents were ready to be signed, and we were told to bring a certified check for our closing costs.

The amount required is about \$2,600 higher than listed on the good faith estimate. Fortunately, we can afford it, but we had hoped to use that money for other necessities. Is this unusual? — S.M.

Dear S.M.: No. Your situation is not unusual. I will receive lots of hate mail from mortgage lenders, but I must advise people not to rely on the mortgage lender's good faith cost estimate. I've bought and refinanced many properties, but never have the mortgage lender's good faith estimates ever been close — or too high.

Unfortunately, there is no penalty for a mortgage lender's low estimate of mortgage costs. They know this, so some will "forget" to include fees, which show up on final mortgage closing papers.

What is a probate sale?

Dear Bob: Several times you have mentioned a "probate sale." What does that term mean? — Jerry G.

Dear Jerry: A probate sale refers to real estate that's being sold due to the owner's death. In some states, probate sales are made by the estate executor or administrator. In other states, probate sales are made through the local probate court, and a judge receives bids from interested buyers and awards the property to the highest bidder.

Probate sales can provide excellent profit opportunities for buyers who are willing to put up with the sometimes unreasonable probate hassles.

Once when I tried to buy a probate property, the 29 heirs could not agree on whether to accept or to reject my offer. I gave up and walked away.

But I have bought other probate properties, one from a Catholic priest

who represented his siblings, at incredible bargains.

Don't expect home seller to fix defects in 'as is' sale

Dear Bob: I currently have a pending home purchase. The sales contract says it is an "as is" sale and that the seller will pay for defective items if they are known prior to the closing. As the buyer, I paid for an inspection. The inspector found defective roofing, chimney, heating and some other items.

Can I force the seller to pay for these repairs or to credit me? Or can the seller cancel the sale if they find my demand undesirable? — Eric W.

Dear Eric: The situation you describe is not a true "as is" home sale. An "as is" sale means the home seller must disclose known defects, such as a leaking roof, but the seller will not pay for repairs. Any unknown defects, discovered later, become the buyer's problems.

Although your professional in-

spector discovered roof, chimney and other defects (which probably were not disclosed previously), in an "as is" sale, you do not force the seller to pay for repairs or to credit you for repair costs.

However, if your purchase contained a professional home contingency clause, as I have recommended, you can cancel the home purchase. For further advice, please consult a local real estate attorney.

Mixed-up investor confuses apples with oranges

Dear Bob: I have owned a house for 12 years. I want to sell it to my principal residence and avoid taxes. But it is not for my family and is not well maintained.

Selling this rental and buying another house with the same price doesn't make sense either. I have more than \$100,000 profit. I move into the house as my

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Timeline takes mystery out of sale

Follow the money to figure out what happens in transaction

You have finally struck a deal with the seller. You have agreed on the price and the seller will turn the house over to you in 30 days. What happens next?

Usually what occurs next is the buyer's good faith deposit check (also called earnest money deposit) is deposited. The deposit money may be held in a trust account, an escrow account or by an attorney, depending on where you're buying.

In Northern California, the buyer's check usually is deposited into an escrow account. The check is cashed so make sure you have sufficient money in your account.

The buyer's deposit money will be applied to the purchase price if the sale goes through. If the contract contingencies can't be satisfied, the buyers usually retain the deposit. But if the buyers back out of the deal for a reason not delineated in the contract, the sellers might be entitled to keep the deposit.

The 30 days spent after dispensing with the deposit (the time between acceptance and closing) are involved in carrying out the terms of the purchase contract. The terms of every purchase contract differ.

Most contracts include a financing contingency, an inspection contingency and a provision for the buyer to confirm that title to the property is free from defects.

The inspection contingency, which allows the buyer to have the property professionally inspected, is usually completed soon after acceptance. Inspections can wreck deals. It's in both the buyer's and seller's best interests to get this contingency out of

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By Dian Hymer

"The more contract contingencies there are, the more complicated the deal will be."

the way quickly.

Thirty days isn't much time to secure mortgage approval. In a busy real estate market, it can take two weeks to get the property appraisal report. After the lender has a complete financial package from the buyer, including the appraisal report, the package is sent to underwriting for review and final approval. So get to work lining up your financing as soon as your offer is accepted.

Make sure that you and the seller agree on the contract contingency and closing dates. If there is a discrepancy, clear it up quickly. You don't want to discover on the 26th day that you and seller disagree on the closing date, and that it will be impossible for the seller to change his plans.

At some point — the earlier, the better — you should carefully review the title report. It's wise to have a professional — attorney or escrow officer — explain the report to you. You want to make sure that you will receive clear and marketable title to the property. You will also need to

decide how you want to take title to the property when the property transfers into your name. How you hold title has estate planning ramifications. Consult with an attorney specializing in title issues if you have any questions.

In addition, you'll need to take care of the following details during the closing period: comply with any state or local ordinances that are required when a property transfers ownership; line up homeowners insurance, interview and hire movers, have mail forwarded, settle with utility companies, and schedule a final walk-through inspection.

The walk-through gives you the opportunity to make sure the house is as it should be, according to your contract. It's also a time to pick the seller's brain about the idiosyncrasies of the house and to get names and phone numbers of good contractors.

Your real estate transaction could be more complicated than this. The more contract contingencies there are, the more complicated the deal will be.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 16

Solar home tour. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Northern California Solar Energy Association hosts five tours of multiple homes using solar electricity, hot water, winter heating and summer cooling technologies. Meet homeowners living with the power of the sun and hear what they have to say about it. Tours include South Bay, North Bay, Contra Costa County, Berkeley/Oakland and Sacramento. Cost: \$10 for NCSA/ADPSR members, \$15 for non-members. To sign up, call 510-862-2759, e-mail info@norcalso.org or visit the group's Web site at

Alameda County. Event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in two locations: Berkeley Orchard Supply Hardware, 1025 Ashby Way, Berkeley; Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, Bernal Road, (Gate B). For more information, call the compost information hotline at 510-444-SOIL.

Wednesday, Oct. 20

Disaster preparedness. Slide presentation and talk led by columnist and contractor Don Pearman. Series follows disaster preparedness for homeowners, contractors and designers. Features fire, earthquake retrofitting. Come with questions. \$3. Builder's BooksSource, 1817

Ongoing

UC Botanical Garden. Enjoy a free tour of the UC Botanical Garden at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Special-interest classes on a variety of subjects available. The garden is located on Centennial Drive behind the UC-Berkeley campus. Call 510-642-3343.

Credit counseling. Consumer Credit Counseling Service, a nonprofit community service organization in Oakland has a series of free workshops. Registration is mandatory. Call (800) 501-SAVE.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

■ **What:** One-day sale of low-cost compost bins.

■ **When:** Saturday, Oct. 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

■ **Where:** Two locations in Alameda County: Berkeley Orchard Supply Hardware, 1025 Ashby Way, Berkeley; Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, Bernal Road, (Gate B).

■ **Who:** All Alameda County residents.

Composting is a fun and easy way to recycle at home," says Meghan Bailey, a spokesperson with the Alameda County Waste Management Authority.

You can reduce trash and use less fertilizer and mulch. You'll also reduce the need for harsh chemicals in your backyard. Homemade compost is great for your yard and garden, and it can save you money."

For more information, call the Waste Management Authority

also offers free hands-on classes in convenient locations, advice through a free hotline and a free how-to video called Do the Rot Thing: The simple art of home composting.

Three varieties of compost bins available

■ **Smith & Hawken Home Composter:** The Home Composter, offered for only \$17, is a great value. Made of recycled black plastic, it features a handy door for easy access for finished compost. Designed for composting yard and food waste, it can handle virtually all the yard waste and fruit and vegetable trimmings of an average family. The bin is most suitable for the low-maintenance composter who likes to add to the bin all year and isn't in a hurry for finished compost. This bin normally retails for \$70.

■ **Smith & Hawken Biostack:** The premium Smith & Hawken bin is offered for only \$38. Designed for the composter who wishes to spend a little more time and get finished

compost faster, it has a unique design to allow for easy turning to speed up composting. Similar in size to the Home Composter, it is also suitable for yard waste and fruit and vegetable trimmings. This bin normally sells for \$100.

■ **Wriggly Wranch Worm Bin:** Offered for \$25, this unique bin is designed to compost food waste only. Especially suitable for apartment dwellers or those without a yard, this bin uses red worms to recycle fruit and vegetable scraps inside or out. This bin normally retails for \$100.

All bins are durable and easy to use. Smith & Hawken bins come with a 10-year warranty. The Wriggly Wranch comes with a five-year warranty.

For more information on compost bins and the one-day sale, call 510-444-SOIL.

Fourth St., Berkeley. Call 800-843-2028.

Saturday, Oct. 23

Maybeck tour. Join author Stephen Altschuler for a walk and tour of two Berkeley houses featuring the architecture and artistry of Bernard Maybeck. Registration required, as size of group is limited. Cost: \$35 per person, a portion of which benefits Towne House Creative Living Center, an Oakland program that offers psychological and vocational assistance to people with severe mental disabilities. Call 707-829-0448 or e-mail saltschuler@mindspring.com.

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Ten years later, Bay Area earthquake resources abound

We are quickly approaching the anniversary of the Loma Prieta earthquake. On Oct. 17, it will be 10 years since the Bay Area was rocked by a 7.1 magnitude quake. This is a good time for us to take a look around our homes to see how prepared we are for the next one.

In today's article we want to discuss many of the resources that are available to help you provide for the safety of your home and family.

Think about contacting the following companies or government agencies:

- **Life Essentials**, an earthquake preparedness store in Hayward for a free emergency survival checklist. You can stop by their store at 24058 Mission Blvd. in Hayward or call them at 510-247-9136 or e-mail them at lifeessentials@juno.com. The store stocks a variety of emergency kits and supplies to help you become ready for the "big one." Their personal three-day survival kits start at about \$30 and make a great gift. They also offer free classes and on

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preparing your home for an earthquake. Call Gary Meeks to schedule a class for your group.

- **The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)** has a variety of information available regarding recent seismic activity, fault maps, and earthquake hazards and preparedness. Their information is available on the Web at <http://quake.wr.usgs.gov>. Or you can call 650-329-4390.
- **The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)** also has a Web site with more local information regarding earthquake preparedness and fault maps. They also include a list of licensed contractors that have completed a Seismic Retrofit Training class sponsored by ABAG and FEMA. Their Web address is www.abag.ca.gov/bayareaeqmaps.
- **Federal Emergency Manage-**

ment Agency (FEMA) is on the Web with information regarding seismic safety of buildings and earthquake preparedness. Their Web address is <http://ncee.eng.edu>. Or you can call them at 800-480-2520.

- **The Southern California Earthquake Center** has a wonderful handbook available covering many aspects of earthquake safety and preparedness. This is a very user-friendly book that will help you and your family get involved in your own safety. To obtain a copy of this handbook call 213-740-1560. There may be a nominal fee to cover postage. They also have a Web site at www.scec.org. Click on outreach.
- **Homerisk online** allows California homeowners to access the earthquake hazard mapping and risk assessment technology that has been previously available only to the insurance and lending industries. You can locate them at www.homerisk.com.

Earthquake insurance

After you've learned about the earthquake faults and seismic activity in your area you may decide you want earthquake insurance. To review your options you can check with your homeowner's insurance carrier for information about the California Earthquake Authority (CEA) insurance program and other companies offering earthquake insurance.

Before you make any decision on purchasing earthquake insurance you should shop around and get at least three quotes. Look in your phone book for the names of local insurance brokers that represent more than one insurance company. Or you can call the **Insurance Brokers and Agents of the West's** free consumer hotline 888-936-7873 for the name of an agent in your area.

Whether you decide to purchase earthquake insurance, there are things you can do to help protect your family, your home and its contents. A major consideration is to seismically upgrade your home and

Retrofitting

The Building Education Center in Berkeley offers a class for home owners who are considering retrofitting their own homes. They also sell a \$9.95 book, "Introduction to Earthquake Retrofitting Tools and Techniques" which gives the reader basic bolting and bracing procedures to follow to retrofit a single-story home. To receive a free schedule of classes, sign up for the retrofit class or order the book, call 510-525-7610.

The City of San Leandro also offers a "Home Earthquake Strengthening Course" to help home owners learn the steps necessary to strengthen your home and why these simple steps may save your home during an earthquake. For more information, or to register for the course, call the city at 510-577-3405.

Simpson Strong Tie, one of the primary manufacturers of seismic retrofit hardware, offers a video and a free booklet, "Damage Control."

You can call Simpson Strong Tie 800-999-5099 to request copies.

If you want help devising a retrofit plan, for a nominal fee, some contractors, such as Howard Cook QuakeProof, will come to your home to analyze your needs and give you a design to follow. You can call QuakeProof at 510-235-2300.

We hope that the information we have provided you in this article will motivate you to take some action to protect your family and your home in the next big quake. The rest is up to you.

John Schneider and Toni Wilson operate All About Homes, a home inspection company specializing in construction and code compliance service. They have over 30 years combined experience in the real estate and construction industries. Readers may address questions and comments to All About Homes, 24326 Mission Blvd., Suite 1, Hayward, CA 94544. FAX: 537-8669.

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home, fix it up, sell it and buy a more suitable home at a higher price within a year? — Walter C.

Dear Walter: You are confusing rental house "apples" with primary residence "oranges." The two are not the same. Please consult your tax advisor to clarify your plans.

To avoid tax on the sale of your rental house, up to \$250,000 (\$500,000 for a married couple filing jointly), you must make it your principal residence

an aggregate of two years during the five years before its sale.

As rental property, you can make a Starter delayed tax-deferred exchange for another investment or business rental property of equal or greater cost if you do not receive any mortgage relief. You could later convert that acquired rental property into your principal residence if that is your goal.

Disadvantage in senior citizen reverse mortgages

Dear Bob: About a year ago, a friend showed me your article about reverse mortgages for senior citizens. I sent away for more information,

called Fannie Mae, talked to a local reverse mortgage representative and thought the plan looked good. The lender's "counseling classes" made me feel that I understood the choices thoroughly.

I am 74, in reasonably good health, and want to stay in my house as long as possible. But my income from social security, interest and dividends, plus a small pension, is barely enough. I figured that borrowing \$10,000 for a new roof, plus \$400 per month lifetime income from a reverse mortgage, would solve my money problems. However, last August my daughter, 44, came to visit for a week. I told her about the reverse mortgage

that I'm considering, and she threw a tantrum, just like when she was a little girl.

When she looked at the reverse mortgage disclosure papers, she said the lender was ripping me off with the up-front loan fees. Then she phoned her brother, a lawyer, and he flew into town the next weekend.

When they left, we were barely speaking. I thought they might try to have me committed to a mental hospital.

They don't seem to understand that the longer a reverse mortgage is in place, the lower the effective interest rate becomes. Do you think I'm crazy to take out a reverse mortgage?

— Henry G.

Dear Henry: No, but you discovered the biggest reverse mortgage disadvantage: You will spend and enjoy your greedy children's inheritance.

Maybe they didn't say it, but that's what they were thinking. I don't know how much your house is worth, but a senior citizen reverse mortgage will use your home equity as loan security. If you live to be 110, unless your home skyrockets in market value, there won't be any equity left for your adult children to inherit.

Your situation is not unusual. Mortgage lenders who originate reverse mortgages tell me their biggest

problem is getting senior citizens to decide to proceed. One loan officer told me about a homeowner who took over a year to conclude that he needed a reverse mortgage for repairs and monthly income.

Needless to say, most mortgage brokers do not specialize in reverse mortgages because older borrowers take so long to decide.

You seem well-informed about reverse mortgages. Unless you want to remain in your home at least years, please don't take out a reverse mortgage because the effective interest rate will be too high.

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Respect for trees takes root in excursion to timber country

By Alan J. Heavens
KNOX RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Because a lot of the area is national forest, most shouts of "timber" — I didn't hear any and I don't know if they really say it, like "fore" on a golf course — echo on private land. Eighty percent of all lumber harvested in Oregon and Washington comes from land owned by large producers such as Willamette Industries — which has 600,000 acres — and

for wood products. By their doing so, softwood lumber prices dropped. On the other hand, Asia consumes a huge percentage of the hardwoods produced in the Northwest, boosting prices that U.S. consumers have to pay. Last year's Asian economic crisis, however, reduced foreign demand for hardwoods and, in turn, prices.

These are good times for the home-building industry, and prices are usually increased during peak demand. Stud — two-by-four — prices reached \$435 per 1,000 board-feet on July 16, according to Random Lengths. Though this is hardly an accurate way to measure it, I buy kiln-dried 8-foot studs at a retail price of \$2.35 per stud, so based on the Random Lengths price, I'm getting a bargain.

But after looking at those clear-cut slopes, I am feeling sort of guilty. Either I need to switch to light-gauge steel or hang the drywall quickly so I won't have to look at the studs.

What is being harvested are not "old-growth" trees but new-growth. The harvest cycle for fir, hemlock and spruce runs from 40 to 60 years, when the rate of growth begins to slow. Lumber companies clear-cut, then replant, millions of seedlings a

year, in hopes that the growth-harvest cycle will endure.

"Regardless of what is finally decided on federal lands, Oregon will not run out of timber," said John Beuter, a University of Oregon professor and a forestry expert.

Case in point, Willamette Industries now harvests 1.3 percent of timber on its lands, and expects that the harvest will increase to 2 percent after the turn of the century.

Old-growth trees in the Northwest often grew to heights of 200 feet and were 4 to 6 feet in diameter. New-growth trees look more like utility poles, with diameters no more than 2 feet.

There are strict laws against harvesting old-growth trees — unless nature has felled them herself — owing to the effect the removal of these trees has on the environment. Clear-

cutting of new growth also is under attack from environmentalists because it affects drainage in an area of the country that typically receives 100 inches of rain annually.

Reforestation is mandatory in Oregon. The state's Forest Practices Act requires that private lands must be replanted within two planting seasons of harvest, and within six years of harvest the site must be certified as free to grow, meaning that the trees have topped the brush and can grow successfully.

There are severe penalties for failure to follow the policy. State officials say that more than 90 percent of harvested forest acres are replanted to stocking levels that meet or exceed legal requirements.

And even little trees on a hillside are a vast improvement over a moonscape of stumps.

Removing federal land, which accounts for 51 percent of Oregon's forest, from timber harvesting has resulted in greater use of alternatives to lumber in home construction, and to building-industry efforts to reduce waste by using engineered lumber produced from waste in factories.

150,000 smaller landowners.

It adds up to \$4 billion worth of logs annually in an industry that employs 110,000 people in the two states.

From Oregon alone in 1997 — the last year for which data are available — 3.4 billion board-feet of lumber were harvested from private land, while only 0.67 billion board-feet came from federal land, the lowest level since the Great Depression, according to a study at Oregon State University, in Corvallis.

The average annual statewide harvest from 1987 to 1996 was 6.1 billion board-feet. In the last 10 years, logging on federal land has decreased considerably as a result of passage of the federal Northwest Forest Plan in 1989.

That action increased the price of U.S. lumber, forcing the building industry to turn to Canadian provinces

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According to statistics from the National Association of Home Builders, it takes 13,127 board-feet of lumber to frame a 2,085-square-foot house.

The price of 1,000 board-feet of framing lumber reached \$490 on July 16, according to Random Lengths, a Eugene firm that tracks prices.

A year ago, 1,000 board-feet cost \$342. That means that framing lumber for the typical house cost \$6,432 this year and \$4,489 last year, adding almost \$2,000 to the base price of a house. And those increased costs would indeed be passed on, because

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The program is deceptively simple. Sellers work along side their realtor in a partnership based program. The program is a fee for services rendered program rather than a flat 6% commission as is charged by conventional real estate companies. By using a fee for services based program, smart sellers in today's market are

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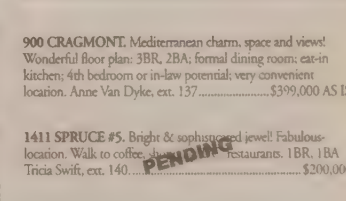
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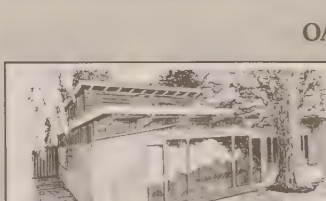
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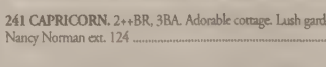
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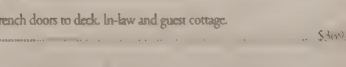
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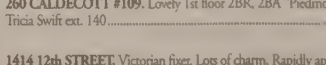
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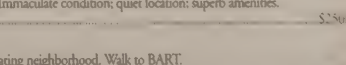
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By Ion Stoica
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Moving from the home in which you and your family have lived, loved and grown can be traumatic. Through the years, your home has become an extension of you and your life experiences.

Many people find that selling their home is much like giving up a part of themselves, despite the excitement of new challenges, neighborhoods, and friends.

But selling your home does not have to be a nightmare. Once you have made the difficult decision to move, your home becomes a house — a piece of real estate, which needs to be sold.

Removing the emotion from your home should help you concentrate more objectively on the finer points of selling a house.

An excellent first step is to have a comparative market analysis done on your house.

This information details the current housing market in your area, showing you what houses similar to yours have sold recently.

The market analysis should also list "competition" houses like yours which are also on the market. With this information, you will also want to consider the following points before deciding:

Location

This is an important factor in pricing. Look at both the area in which the house is located as well as the surrounding neighborhood. Does the house back up to a busy street, is it on a cul-de-sac, etcetera?

Features

Does your house have specific features that set it apart from other houses in the area, such as a spectacular view, a pool, mirrored closets, room additions, etcetera?

Condition of the house

Has the house been adequately maintained during your stay? Are there minor or major repairs that could make a difference in the immediate sale of your house?

Age of the house

Potential buyers will want to know the age of the plumbing, furnace, roof, appliances, etc. If anything has been replaced, this could add to the value of your property and the sales price.

The current market

Is today's market a buyer's or seller's market? A buyer's market means there are several similar houses for a buyer to choose from. Usually, interest rates are attractive, and prices are steady. In a seller's market, opposite factors are at play. While interest rates may be low or high, housing prices are on the rise, and there are few houses to be sold.

Time frame

How long do you have to sell this house? What was the average time on the market for a comparable home? Can you wait while a buyer arranges financing? Does your purchase of another home depend upon this deal closing quickly?

With these points in mind, you should be able to determine a fair price for your house. A word of caution: Avoid the temptation to pad the price excessively, thinking that it gives you negotiating room.

Most buyers have limitations on how much they can spend. If your property out-prices other houses in the neighborhood, it could remain on the market longer than you wish.

Even though you may be planning to lower the price later, studies show that the longer a house is on the market, the lower the price at which it is finally sold, compared to the original list price.

Although not a specific part of the price-setting process, concerns about

the amount of profit realized from the sale, tax regulations regarding the sale of property, and settlement or closing costs should be addressed.

This is particularly true in markets with a predominance of FHA and VA buyers, or areas where the seller absorbs any lender points.

The bottom line

Anticipated costs of selling include the mortgage payoff amount, any early payoff penalty, the real estate broker's fee, other loans against the property (perhaps for a pool or a room addition), the price of inspections, taxes, and other seller's closing costs.

Your net profit can be estimated by subtracting these costs from the sales price. But remember, this is only an estimate. Any change in the numbers or closing date will alter the final figure.

Closing costs

Closing costs will vary from area to area. Your sales associate can provide categories and the approximate amounts of settlement costs you will be expected to pay. These may include various fees and miscellaneous closing costs negotiated by the buyer to be paid by the seller.

The listing agreement

After choosing a real estate company, you are ready to sign the listing agreement. This agreement will state how much brokerage fee, or "commission" shall be paid, who will receive it, who has the right to produce potential buyers, and how long the agreement is valid.

It should also include a list of personal property that will go with the house. The length of the listing contract will vary.

In the "Exclusive Right to Sell" agreement, the listing company is entitled to a commission regardless of who sells the property. If another office produces a buyer, the commission you pay is shared between

the two companies.

A listing agreement is a binding contract. Read it through carefully and ask question until you understand every part of the agreement before signing.

Review financing options

When the time comes to negotiate a sale, it is best to be aware of current financing available to the buyer. With the help of your real estate professional, review the mortgage climate—are loans in abundance or hard to obtain?

If the buyer is not able to qualify for enough money, you may want to offer a second mortgage out of your profits (if this is allowed by the first lender).

Does your property qualify for FHA/VA loans? Is your current loan assumable?

Does the buyer expect you to pay any of the discount points connected with the cost of this loan? Determine your time limits and waiting for financing to be secured by the buyer, including the alternatives.

Pest/termite inspections

In many states, pest inspections and termite reports are required before a house can be sold. Even if these inspections are not state mandated, most lenders will require them. If termites are discovered, they must be eradicated, and the proof documented. Inspection prices vary. Shop around for a good price, but use a reliable company. Check with your sales associate about the laws on your state.

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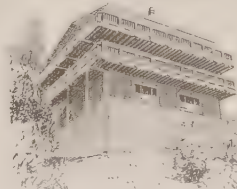
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Elders may need help facing need to relocate

By Geri Stern
CORRESPONDENT

When I decided to work with retired and elderly clients, I made a shocking discovery: Most of my clients never moved. They either passed away before they decided where to go or they could not bring themselves to give up independent living at home.

One of the lucky ones, who I'll call Edwina, was strong enough at 90 to make her move. She knew that

the stairs in her home were going to get the best of her. She found a retirement community nearby that met her needs.

As a longtime El Cerrito resident, Edwina had a tough choice to make. But Edwina always did try to think ahead. She once mentioned to me that she had made her funeral arrangements in 1957. I wish all my clients were so organized!

Most people, if given a chance, will choose not to move. Moving creates such a change in the individual's

routine that doing so usually proves overwhelming. And no one denies that a home long-lived-in is rich in memories of love and self-reliance.

Sometimes a move is necessary because to elderly who are physically challenged, a home can turn into dangerous territory. Housekeeping, shopping and cooking can take unexpected tolls.

People who live in the East Bay often live in homes with many stairs either inside or at the approach to their home. The stairs alone may be

one of the largest factors behind their decision to move.

Family, when near, can sometimes step in and help the senior get by at

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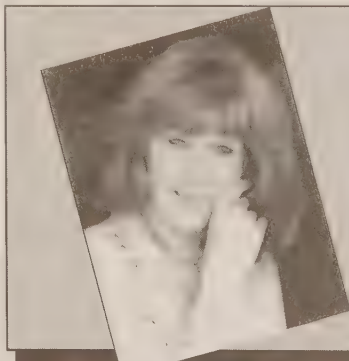
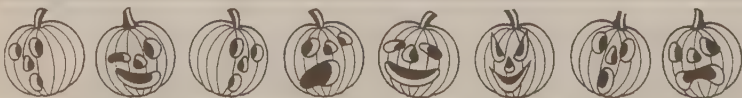
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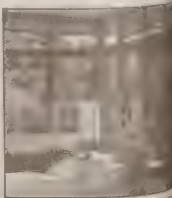
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Consignment furniture takes center stage

By Denise M. Alfieri
CORRESPONDENT

Antiques were always Good, with a capital "G." If you could afford a fine French antique chair, it didn't much matter if it was in the same room with an 18th century American lamp table and a fine 19th century English sofa.

Then there was New furniture, which was Fairly Good, but some was more good than others. That usually depended on the store, the brand name and the price. And it all had to match or it got Less Good.

And finally, there was Used furniture, which was something you got if you couldn't afford Antique or New furniture. And that was Not So Good.

Home consignment shops have changed all that. Antique furniture is still good, and you can find some fine antiques at the Danville Consignment Center. And New Furniture is still good, and you can also find it at the Danville Consignment Center. But the heart and soul of the center is gently, kindly used furniture — some barely new and some more mellowed.

There are many reasons for buying used furniture. One is environmental — re-use preserves resources. Another is style. Used furniture is often unique.

"There are several reasons for this business," said Johnny Crowell, co-

owner of the Danville Consignment Center at 1901 Camino Ramon, next to Costco, as well as others in San Mateo, Los Altos and Saratoga. The Danville Consignment Center is one of a growing number of successful home furnishing consignment stores in the East Bay.

"We've become a little more sensitive to using up a lot of commodities — going through the world's supply of wood," he said. "Also we're in communities where people tend to relocate, sometimes temporarily, for business purposes. There are also a lot of marriages and re-marriages and people want to change the furnishings for something that's 'ours,' not something from the 'last husband or the last wife.'"

"Couples also buy furniture with their young, growing families in mind, and when they've got that empty nest, they want something different, something more attuned to their new lifestyle.

Or they've had a home that's perfect for an adult couple, but not so good for new babies or young children. And finally, sometimes people just get tired of what they have. They had everything blue, and they decide they'd like to try green. Or they've had a beautiful flowered sofa, and they decide they'd like leather. . . or vice versa. Actually, there are endless reasons why people decide to let go of something that's in wonderful con-

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partners, Christine Crowell and Jamece Fondnazio, were prepared for the reception the Home Consignment Centers received. "It's pretty amazing," Crowell remarked. "But we did our homework first. We interviewed people with stores all around the country."

"I can tell you from all the research we did that the furniture comes from the same kind of places it goes to: mostly more affluent homes. Most of our stock is from six months to a year old. We get a lot of model home furniture, too, which is barely used, if at all. We also have furniture that's up to 75 years old, so there's quite a range.

If you sell your furniture through the Home Consignment Center, you get 60 percent of the selling price.

Every piece of furniture that the Home Consignment Centers take is previewed in advance. "There are a lot of things we don't take," he says. "You have to keep the caliber high."

So what about the idea that things were made better in the Old Days?

"Not true," Crowell insists. "There were quality craftsmen making furniture years ago; that much is very true. But there was good furniture made in the old days, and there was junk made in the old days. If all of it was good and built to last forever, you wouldn't be paying that much for quality antiques. They'd be everywhere."

dition and get something different."

Crowell, an attorney with an office in Pleasanton, first went into the antique car consignment business in Pleasanton, but "my bride wasn't big on cars, so my partner and I decided to do this instead."

Neither Crowell nor his partner, John Fondnazio, nor their wives and



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that may not be apparent but could affect the home's value or influence the sale, let the buyer know.

That could even include that dog down the street barks a lot.

Irvin knows of one East Bay owner who wished he had told about the hyper-sensitive dobermans next door. The buyer moved in with a pair of Shar-Pei dogs, bred in China to eat other dogs for breakfast. Within a day a wild fight ensued, though luckily there were no casualties. A high, strong fence separated the dogs — but can't separate lawyers.

The big question: Why wasn't the presence of these dogs disclosed?

The main concern is not lawsuits but the more common problem: wasted time. "Occasionally, they say if I tell them that I'll scare a buyer away," said Bigelow. "But it's better before they tie up the property and waste time and energy."

Trouble comes when a buyer learns of hot-button issues with a week or two left in escrow and shreds the deal. "It's really a very critical issue that you get it to the buyer right away," said Bigelow.

Read the fine print

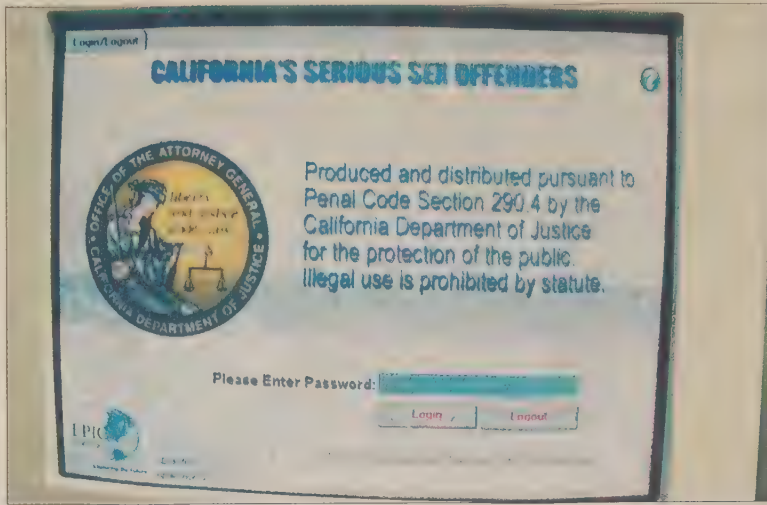
A standard form issued by the California Association of Realtors that is included with every purchase contract lists about two dozen major and minor items informing the buyer of his right to inspect. The list includes the general condition of the property, soil stability, the condition of water and well systems, on-site or nearby environmental hazards, whether the buyer can get insurance and rent and occupancy controls.

In many cases, said Bigelow, sellers are surprised at what matters to buyers.

In Rockridge recently, a buyer backed out when he discovered that a rape had occurred next door some years before. Also, in certain cultures it's considered bad to live in a house in which a death has occurred.

One thing Realtors are wary of disclosing without further research is hearsay. Often neighbors think they know something for a fact that is actually just a rumor.

Irvin recalls thinking for a while about whether to disclose a tenant's suspicion about a convicted pe-



KATHY BAKER/STAFF

STATE LAW requires agents to perform a 'reasonably competent and diligent visual inspection' of the property. But some problems with a home or area may not be readily apparent. Buyers must go the extra mile to investigate local idiosyncrasies and risks. Above, an Alameda Police Department computer offers the location of area registered sex offenders.

dophile next door. He ended up disclosing it.

California legislation passed in 1996, commonly known as Megan's Law, requires that specific information about registered "high risk" and "serious" sex offenders be available to the public for public protection.

A new state law took effect July 1, 1999, that requires California home sellers and residential landlords to use new forms that state information on registered child molesters. The information is available at local police and sheriff offices.

All sheriff's and police departments have databases on the location of sex offenders under Megan's Law. The availability of this information takes the disclosure burden off California home sellers, landlords and realty agents.

Beware local idiosyncrasies

Something else to be careful with are local idiosyncrasies. In Albany, the city requires an inspection of a house's sewer line for damage. Repairs are then due within the year after the sale, backed up by a city-done repair bill to the current property owner.

In Kensington, a so-called "tree or-

dinance" acknowledges what everyone knows, that views have value. The ordinance encourages tree owners to trim or top trees that grow to obscure neighbors' views. Disagreements should go to arbitration, it says.

Berkeley is known for shared driveways and other informal agreements involving access, all of which must be disclosed.

In some cases, what a seller hasn't noticed in years if ever is a major problem for a buyer. A seller may be allergic to something in the area when the seller isn't. Or sellers who've owned a house during dry years may not even know that heavy rain causes flooding in the basement.

Caveat emptor

The ultimate responsibility for uncovering problems is the buyer, says Irvin. California Civil Code section 2079.5 says so. But more than that, the smartest buyers make sure they know what they need to.

State law requires agents to perform only a "reasonably competent and diligent visual inspection of the accessible areas of the property." And most agents work hard to keep up with changing laws and conditions.

But an agent's greatest value in disclosure may be in pointing buyers to competent professionals.

Even after the professional inspectors make their reports, potential buyers should investigate for themselves, say Realtors. They advise buyers to walk around the neighborhood at different times of day and night, to talk to neighbors, etc.

Disclosure laws don't even apply in some types of sale. In trust and probate sales, it's completely up to the buyer to find problems.

In a recent probate sale in Piedmont, a buyer was almost ready to close on a '20s-era Art Deco home. Then an inspector looked under the house and noticed that the kitchen floor appeared to be poured concrete — strange for a house of that style. Further inspection revealed that all the walls were also concrete.

It turned out that the house had been an experimental design after a 1928 conflagration. The buyer backed out because it was too expensive to determine the house's earthquake safety, not to mention that it would be tough to hang pictures.

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 5964 Buena Vista Av - \$730,000
 5733 Cabot Dr - \$370,000
 240 Caldecott Ln #139 - \$255,000
 5146 Camden St - \$138,000
 6008 Camden St - \$109,000
 2521 Carmel St - \$311,000
 6085 Colton Bl - \$500,000
 880 Creed Rd - \$490,000
 310 Creighton Wy - \$455,000
 593 Crestmont Dr - \$388,000
 3080 Curran Av - \$113,500
 6115 Dover St - \$305,000
 1142 East 12th St - \$155,000
 1125 East 17th St - \$125,000
 1130 East 19th St - \$191,000

On the average

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 29
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$105,500
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$545,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$269,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$312,500

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$161,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$436,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$290,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$305,083

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 35
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$115,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$920,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$350,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$393,457

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 8
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$111,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$455,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$270,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$273,938

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 1
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$360,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$360,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$ 0
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$360,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$103,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$184,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$166,500
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$151,167

717 East 23rd St - \$280,000
 438 Elysian Fields Dr - \$395,000
 6545 Exeter Dr - \$475,000
 3252 Galindo St - \$133,000
 9015 Golf Links Rd - \$368,500
 3525 Hageman Av - \$100,000
 339 Hanover Av - \$389,000
 636 Hillsborough St - \$295,000
 3245 Hyde St - \$110,000
 5908 Ivanhoe Rd - \$651,000
 2038 Lakeshore Av - \$500,000
 1885 Leimert Bl - \$440,000
 5419 Leimert Av - \$325,000
 4021 Lyman Rd - \$345,000
 9230 MacArthur Bl - \$105,000
 4042 Magee Av - \$207,000
 1981 Magellan Dr - \$437,000
 525 Mandana Bl #210 - \$85,000
 1056 Mandana Bl - \$570,000
 701 Mandana Bl - \$315,000
 3632 Mangels Av - \$215,000
 6441 Mokelumne Av - \$225,000
 7044 Outlook Av - \$167,000
 2401 Park Bl #6 - \$137,500
 320 Park View Tr #205 - \$90,000
 5198 Pinecrest Dr - \$480,000
 6319 Pinehaven Rd - \$405,000
 10304 Plymouth St - \$123,000

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TOTAL SALES: 1
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$382,500
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$382,500
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$ 0
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$382,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 104
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 75,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$760,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$215,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$266,072

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 350,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$2,262,500
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$ 465,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$ 800,917

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 45
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 78,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$370,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$152,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$176,689

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 37
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$112,500
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$443,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$220,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$230,824

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST AMOUNT: \$134,000
 HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$235,000
 MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$198,000
 AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$193,000

9223 Plymouth St - \$138,500
 9430 Plymouth St - \$100,000
 3425 Robinson Dr - \$405,500
 185 Samaria Ln - \$275,000
 195 Santa Clara Av #7 - \$118,500
 7255 Saroni Dr - \$351,500
 5741 Scarborough Dr - \$402,000
 4283 Sequoyah Rd - \$325,000
 6452 Shelterwood Dr - \$333,000
 272 Sheridan Rd - \$626,000
 5871 Skyline Bl - \$89,000
 8246 Skyline Cr - \$460,000
 4328 Steele St - \$176,000
 4973 Stoneridge Ct - \$427,000
 5569 Taft Av - \$500,000
 670 Vernon St #102 - \$181,000
 360 Vernon St #212 - \$192,000
 3536 Victor Av - \$335,500

4031 Waterhouse Rd - \$330,000
 930 Wood St - \$165,000

PIEDMONT

51 Glen Alpine Rd - \$2,262,500
 1624 Lower Grand Av - \$350,000
 1317 Oakland Av - \$440,000
 14 Somersett Dr - \$750,000
 1119 Warfield Av - \$538,000
 57 Wildwood Av - \$465,000

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2830 21st St #26B - \$85,000
 643 33rd St - \$195,000
 656 34th St - \$158,000
 337 35th St - \$120,000
 559 38th St - \$201,000
 521 43rd St - \$137,000
 400 44th St - \$115,000
 204 6th St - \$127,000
 302 Ash Ln #2 - \$145,000
 2726 Barnard Dr - \$130,000
 1201 Brickyard Wy #402 - \$370,000
 2514 Carlson Bl - \$191,000
 3326 Center Av - \$83,000
 5377 Cerro Sur - \$306,000
 3082 Flannery Rd - \$151,000
 3018 Groom Dr - \$80,000
 51 Grove St - \$143,000
 921 Kern St - \$187,000
 4059 Lambert Rd - \$140,000
 1358 Mariposa St - \$218,000
 2022 Mason St - \$259,000
 584 McLaughlin St - \$185,000
 1201 Melville Sq #101 - \$152,000
 1516 Merced St - \$135,000
 1545 Monterey St - \$103,000
 3203 Moran Av - \$152,000
 3140 Moyers Rd - \$150,000
 76 Murdoch St - \$180,000
 4349 Nelson Dr - \$130,000
 5659 North Arlington Bl #4 - \$131,000
 3763 Painted Pony Rd - \$312,000
 1301 Quarry Ct #304 - \$290,000
 5161 Rain Cloud Dr - \$350,000
 15 Red Arrow Ct - \$298,000
 3309 Rheem Av - \$180,000
 4720 San Pablo Dam Rd - \$147,000
 4890 San Pablo Dam Rd - \$265,000
 1608 Shasta St - \$187,000
 6 Sheffield Ct - \$86,000
 536 South 22nd St - \$78,000
 726 South 49th St - \$108,000
 970 St. Andrews Dr - \$260,000
 2843 Stephen Dr - \$169,000
 3015 Tulare Av - \$192,000
 733 Ventura St - \$170,000

SAN LEANDRO

1329 139th Av - \$220,000
 14355 Antone Ct - \$221,000
 1008 Begier Av - \$250,000
 1400 Carpenter St #232 - \$138,000
 2443 Cheshire Ct - \$210,000
 1124 Coburn Ct - \$184,000

903 Collier Dr - \$350,000
 14463 Doolittle Dr - \$130,000
 2336 Driftwood Wy - \$249,000
 16771 Ehle St - \$112,500
 15271 Elvina Dr - \$239,500
 1762 Eveleth Av - \$235,000
 14455 Flagship St #157 - \$205,000
 16698 Foothill Bl - \$175,000
 15206 Galt St - \$220,000
 732 Hamlin Wy - \$225,000
 15477 Heron Dr - \$299,000
 1608 Lanier Av - \$289,000
 284 Lorraine Bl - \$247,000
 1613 Magnolia Ln - \$325,000
 294 Marina Bl - \$233,500
 2029 Mayflower Pl - \$425,000
 1176 Melcher St - \$171,000
 14736 Midland Rd - \$165,000
 14864 Midland Rd - \$208,500
 472 Olive St - \$187,000
 15163 Orion Rd - \$443,000
 16892 Robey Dr - \$310,000
 16618 Rolando Av - \$253,000
 2585 San Leandro Bl - \$120,000
 16427 Saratoga St #204W - \$135,000
 16530 Toledo St - \$300,000
 15207 Tradewinds Rd - \$331,500
 1204 Trojan Av - \$170,000
 556 Tudor Rd - \$202,000
 459 Violet St - \$192,000
 293 West Broadmoor Bl - \$170,000

SAN LORENZO

208 Ano Av - \$198,000
 1303 Culver Pl - \$134,000
 922 Hacienda Av - \$235,000
 1436 Via El Monte - \$205,000

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MONTCLAIR \$1,089,000
 6191 VIRGO RD. New Mediterranean w/pano views, 4BD/3.5BA, family room w/fireplace, den, MBR retreat. Francis Heath

UPPER OAKMORE \$899,000
 2098 LEIMERT. New listing! Bay & bridge views from romantic new 4BD/3BA Mediterranean w/ tiled terraces. Dee & Joe Knowland

CLAREMONT HILLS \$879,000
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 1102 GRAND VIEW DR. Six year old 3+BD/2.5BA Tuscan home w/ kitchen/FR, den, fenced yard. Kathleen Callahan

PIEDMONT \$559,000
 34 CALVERT CT. Stylish 3+BD/2BA contemporary on cul-de-sac, remodeled kitchen/FR, double lot. Sandi Klemmer

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 5378 BROADWAY. New listing! 2BD/1.5BA Mediterranean w/Bay views, formal DR, remodeled bath w/ spa. Wendy Gardner

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home. But when family are not near, as it the case for many of my clients, a long-range plan is critical. Some of my clients are more careful than others about planning ahead, yet they delay moving while they are still in good health.

Unfortunately, most of my clients move because their declining health or desperate family decides that it is time.

At this point, the client may feel depressed or resentful. Illnesses or accidents then occur primarily out of frustration and fear. All of them feel some anxiety, but a lucky few are mentally prepared for the challenge.

I have had the good fortune of being involved in helping clients move to a destination that was not only new and exciting, but also one they have anticipated for some time.

At the other end of the spectrum, I have had clients look forward to their move, only to pass away shortly after arrival due to stress. Most of

these clients had waited too long and were in precarious health.

Their moves were required because family did not live nearby and the individual could not cope alone any longer.

In all of these circumstances, a senior placement counselor would have been helpful.

In addition to the services of a Realtor, most seniors should have a meeting with a senior case manager to determine their best options, based on their physical and emotional health as well as on what can be done for them within their means.

Unfortunately, I know of too many seniors who will not spend the few dollars it would take to determine the best course of action for them and would rather live in a dangerous, isolated situation.

There are also senior placement counselors who do not charge a fee for their services.

Even so, there remain a number of seniors don't want to burden their families with their suffering.

When they do call me in, they are in such an advanced case of depression that a decision to move is almost impossible.

Most of these clients are lonely and just want someone to talk to — they have no intention of moving.

However, moving to a less isolated location or having someone come in to help on a daily basis might be these folks' best alternative.

Most seniors experience intense trepidation when the idea of a move is discussed.

It is imperative that the Realtor, family and friends listen to the person to determine what his/her needs are.

So much of the time the decision to move is made without enough research as to whether the particular retirement community best fits the needs of that individual, their finances, and short- and long-term health concerns.

A common mistake is for the senior to put their house on the market before they have completed their purchase of a new home or found placement at a retirement community.

Many deals have fallen through when the senior realizes that the home is sold but they have nowhere they particularly want to go.

Perhaps you or your loved one can be like Edwina, who recently had a surprise 95th birthday party given by 25 of her closest friends. Hers is a success story.

With a coordinated effort, more families can have a positive retirement experience too. Don't wait until it's too late.

For referrals to senior care placement counselors, geriatric specialists or help with your senior dilemma, please feel free to call.

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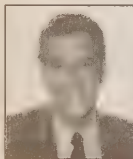
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Mortgage rates spike up in weekly survey

McLEAN, VA - In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage (FRM) averaged 7.82 percent, with a 1.0 point, for the week ending October 8, 1999, up from last week's average of 7.70 percent, a year ago, the 30-year FRM average was 6.49 percent.

The average for 15-year FRMs also rose, up to 7.43 percent this week, with an average 0.9 point, up from last week's average of 7.35 percent. A year ago, the 15-year FRM averaged 6.15 percent.

The rate for 1-year Treasury-in-

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dexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 6.27 percent this week, with an average 1.1 point, also

up from last week's average of 6.12 percent. A year ago, the 1-year ARM averaged 5.36 percent.

"Mortgage rates climbed in the latest period, in part due to continued signs of strong economic growth and an indication by the Federal Reserve that its bias is to tighten credit at its next meeting rather than loosen or hold the course," said Robert Van Order, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

"Despite that, the cost of a mortgage remains affordable enough to assure the housing industry another record-setting year.

Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders. By supplying lenders with the money to make mortgages and packaging the mortgages into marketable securities, Freddie Mac sustains a stable mortgage credit system and reduces the mortgage rates paid by homebuyers. Over the years, Freddie Mac has opened doors for one in six homebuyers in America and two million renters.

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Those speedy expansion goals sound pretty ambitious, considering Mini, 31, and Kucirek, 33, have no track record as Realtors. Kucirek flew Navy helicopters for nine years. Mini was a management consultant from Guatemala whose family owned commercial property.

But in order to build the business, they knew they had to offer something unique, and so the promise to put money back into consumers' pockets — about \$2,000 to \$10,000, depending on the price of the home sold — has surprised buyers and other Realtors.

ZipRealty.com's first client, a buyer in San Jose, recently received \$5,000 after he completed the purchase of a \$650,000 home. Two deals are small in escrow. Two deals are small in escrow. Two deals are small in escrow.

Other obstacles face the company's digital real estate transaction, Kucirek admitted. Although new legislation allows deeds and final escrow documents to be notarized online, not many notaries offer that service, which means buyers still have to sign in person.

But at least some venture capitalists have faith in zipRealty.com's ability to change the way people buy homes. Even before the launch of zipRealty.com, the two co-founders received \$1.2 million from Vanguard Venture Partners in Palo Alto.

Web sites that help consumers buy homes have become one of the fastest-growing areas of the Internet. In San Francisco-based Owners.com allows homeowners to sell their own home without having to hire an agent.

Glenn Mendell, owner of San Ramon-based Fox Real Estate, said he has been helping people buy and sell homes online since 1995.

"Three out of four homes we put on the market, I don't even meet the client," he said.

In California, 38 percent of home buyers use the Internet to search for agents, houses or apply for a home mortgage, according to a recent survey of brokers by the California Association of Realtors. And new real estate services increasingly offer the ability to list a home for sale on public Web sites without the benefit of a Realtor.

Two types of agents

Much of what zipRealty.com does differs little from traditional realities. All of zipRealty.com's online brokers and field agents are licensed Realtors, for example. As buyers' agents, they collect the same 3 percent fee as traditional real estate brokers who don't use the Net.

But in a traditional realty, agents handle a home purchase from beginning to end. They contact sellers and home buyers themselves, search for houses and complete the paperwork.

ZipRealty.com, on the other hand, has two types of agents: field agents who, like traditional Realtors, meet clients and show houses. There are also online agents who interact with home buyers only on the Internet or telephone.

At zipRealty.com, all of the purchase contracts, inspection reports and some escrow documents are stored online and can be downloaded by clients. Clients also can search for houses on zipRealty.com's database of listings.

But not all home buyers are prepared to deal with a virtual agent, officials said.

"We try to explain the system in 10 steps. If you have a lot of questions, we refer you on. We don't believe every customer is perfect for us," Kucirek said.

Consumers get it

The growth of online trading and home mortgage lending has shown that many consumers can understand complicated transactions without having to talk to a stockbroker or mortgage broker.

"The public is more informed. What's taking place in the real estate industry is the professional (Re-

altor) isn't the information gatekeeper anymore," said Bob Greenspan, multiple listings service manager for the East Bay Association of Realtors in Pleasanton, which represents brokers from Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

It doesn't hurt that zipRealty.com offers a healthy bonus to buyers who complete a deal with their help. It can be applied to closing costs or offered as cash when escrow closes.

Bonus a draw

Edward Caropepe of San Jose said zipRealty.com's biggest lure was the \$5,000 bonus and the ability to look at listings at his convenience.

Caropepe, a real estate agent for four years, serves as chief financial officer for the San Jose corporation that runs Round Table Franchises. When he decided to apply for a home mortgage, he did it online to save time. He also decided to check into online real estate listings and found zipRealty.com's site.

"Their stand is if you do more of the legwork, that's where their savings are. It seemed reasonable," he said. "And it was a little more convenient because I was doing it at 11 at night."

After looking at 30 to 40 listings online, Caropepe identified a price range and a neighborhood he liked. He filled out a purchase agreement online offering \$350,000 on a house in San Jose. Before escrow closed, Caropepe authorized inspection reports and filled out some of the escrow documents — all on his computer. And when the inspection reports came back, he viewed them from his computer.

"On zipRealty.com's Web site you can take a look and find out what's going on," Caropepe said. "It's nice to know where you're at in the process."

Not completely online

Company officials say the current rebates will be offered until the end of this year, and then a new rebate structure will take effect. But for now, zipRealty.com will definitely lose money on some deals where the brokers' commissions are lower than the rebate, officials said.

Studies show online buyers tend to purchase more expensive homes than traditional buyers. Over time, company officials say, they will make money on the sale of those more expensive homes.

The completely online real estate transaction is still not yet a reality. There are still many legal questions about how to safeguard the deal from fraud, said June Barlow, vice president and general counsel for the California Association of Realtors. But the industry is rapidly moving in that direction.

Gov. Davis on board

In September, Gov. Gray Davis signed an electronic transactions bill that defines an electronic signature, clearing the way for title, escrow and mortgage companies to operate completely online.

"Even with signatures on paper, there's a lot of problems. There's a definite nervousness about extending (online transactions) and making it easier until someone's thought through it and made sure some security is in place," Barlow said.

ZipRealty.com also faces the traditional — and expensive — challenge of brand-building if it wants to attract home buyers across the country, said James Punishill, an analyst with Forrester Research Inc. in Cambridge, Mass.

"How many homes are bought as a result of relocation? People are often looking from across the country. They're not even going to know who zipRealty.com is," he said.

In the meantime, zipRealty.com's list of clients is growing, and so is its staff. As of Monday, zipRealty.com had 25 employees, but hopes to hire additional workers by the end of this month.

"My dream is that a year from now, someone who buys a home in Seattle can tell a friend from Arizona that they bought a home from zipRealty.com," Kucirek said.

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2 Castellana at Black Diamond Knolls
From the \$230,000's. New Release! Richland's distinctive tower accented architecture is a must see. Lrg. 4 & 5 BR, 2200-2600 sq ft. w/3 car gar., country kit, 7000-sq ft. lots. Lone Tree to Mokelumne Dr. Open 11-5. 925-705-8655 or www.nchmdan.com

3 Lone Tree Estates-Masters Collection
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4 Tourelle
From low \$300,000's. New Release! Richland's European-style estate homes. 2715-3235 sq ft. 4-6 BR, 3 & 4 car gar., 1 & 2 stories. Lots avg. 10,000-sq ft. Dramatic entries, fern, mstr. comm. n. open space. Lone Tree to Golf Course Rd. 11-5. 925-706-8883 or www.nchmdan.com

BRENTWOOD

5 Diablo Vista
From low \$190,000's. Grand Opening! Affordable luxury living! Exciting new single-family neighborhood w/designs to 2700 sq ft. 5BR. 3BA. Central commute loc. at Fairview & San Jose. Richmond American Homes. www.nchmdan.com. 925-516-7193

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6 Crystall Ranch
From mid \$400,000's. New Release! Exciting neighborhood, luxury homes by Legacy Homes. Nestled among rolling hills, 4 spacious living, 2400-3400 sq ft., elegant interiors, customizing opts. Ygnacio Vly/rt. at Pine Hollow Rd/ro Rolling Woods Way. 925-687-3522. www.legacyluxuryhomes.com

DANVILLE

7 Campbell Place
From the \$800,000's. Grand Opening! Ltd. edition of only 20 craftsman-style exec homes on lrg. view lots w/flexible floorplans 680 to Sycamore Vly Rd. E., rt. onto Camino Tassajara. Left on Glasgow Dr., rt. on Glasgow Cir., rt. on Campbell Pl. By Pacific Union Homes. 925-743-0238

8 Shadow Creek Manor
From low \$600,000's. 48 luxury homes. 4-5 BR, Selling Final Phase! Take 680 to Crow Canyon Rd. east, right on Camino Tassajara, follow signs. Open Mon 1-5, Wed.-Sun. 10-5. 925-736-7369

DUBLIN

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From high \$300,000's. NEW RELEASE! Models open. Luxury living in master-planned community with 3 home designs up to 2200 sq ft. 5 BR & 3 baths. Lrg. ext. off. laney room, retreat options. Near -680 & Dublin BART. Hacienda super low! 5BR open! 10-6, Mon 2-6. Richmond American Homes. www.nchmdan.com. 925-829-8029

10 Starward
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FAIRFIELD

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12 Ridgeview at Paradise Valley
From mid \$200,000's. Now Selling! Spacious, to 7BR, 4BA, 3 plans, 2200-3400 sq ft. Richmond American Homes. Open daily 1-80 exit N. Texas St. rt. left on Dixon Hill/rt. on Manuel Campos Pkwy/rt. on Paradise Vly. 707-438-7800. www.nchmdan.com

HERCULES

13 Belletre
From \$306,880. New Release! 4BR, 3BA, 2 or 3 car gar. Opt. 5th BR, den or super family rm. Steel-built, structured ceiling, Bay views, country setting, easy commutes. 180 to San Pablo Rd. to Hercules Ave. to Titan Way. Open 10-5, Tues. 12-5. 510-741-9165 or www.schulera.com

LIVERMORE

14 Ravenswood
From upper \$400,000's. Country estates on 1/4 ac. lots. 1 & 2 story lrg. 4BR, 2 1/2-3BA to 3246 sq ft. No Contingent Sales. 580 E to So. Vasco. rt. at Emily Fr-Mon 12-5 only. www.creativedots.com/avenswood. 925-449-5458

RIDGECREST

15 Ridgecrest
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VINTAGE COLLECTION

16 Vintage Collection
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17 Highlands Ranch
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18 Monterra II, Summit Collection
From mid \$200,000's. 4-6 BR w/options to 7. Three floorplans. 1815-4243 sq ft. 3 car gar., great opts. incl. second mstr. BR dens, mstr. retreats. Nr. freys, walk to BART. Hwy 4 to Bailey Rd. so. rt. on Leland. left on Southwood. 925-705-1037. www.seenohomes.com

PLEASANT HILL

19 Grayson Woods
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VILLAGE SQUARE

20 Village Square
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VACAVILLE

21 Brighton at Westgate
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22 Diamond Grove
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VILLAGE MILLS

23 Village Mills
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26 Laurel Glen
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27 Oak Creek & Shadow Brook Estates
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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
33 Stone Harbor HARBOR BAY (1st Showing) Shurt Anderson, Prudential, (510) 888-6340	4bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$519,950
1557 Lincoln Ave Dave Gorman Real Estate 510-523-5150	2 bd/1.5 ba	2:30-4:30	\$299,000
3156 Phoenix Ln 1st TIME ON MARKET Montclair Better Homes Realty, (510) 339-4000	3bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$260,000
2101 Shoreline Dr #354 OPEN: SAT. 12-4, SUN. 2-5 Doug Brown (925) 837-2200 2223, Better Homes Realty	2bd/2ba	—	\$259,500

BERKELEY

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
817 San Diego Dr. HAR OAK (510) 527-3387 x109	2 - bd/2ba	2-4	\$595,000
524 The Alameda Terese Johnson (510) 524-9888 x11, Berkeley Hills Realty	3 - bd/2ba	2-4	\$549,000
2517 Elms St. Keith Tower (510) 339-8900, La Salle Properties	4 - bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$525,000
5111 Vismont Ave. Tereese Jue, Prudential, (510) 524-2526	3 - bd/4ba	2-4	\$475,000
1522 Grant St. OPEN SAT. 1-3, SUN. 2-5 Dorise Milburn (510) 869-4683, 849-3711, Prudential	2bd/2ba	—	\$450,000
1111 Grizzly Peak Blvd. Barbara Conheim, (510) 524-9888 x28, Berkeley Hills Realty	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$359,000
3045 Deskin Di Allen, (510) 524-9888 x23, Berkeley Hills Realty	3bd/1ba	2-4	\$285,000
2144 Spaulding NEW LISTING-CHARMING light-filled bungalow Roselle Woods, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	2bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$270,000
1410 Fairview Kathleen Crandall, (510) 845-0200, Prudential	2bd/4ba	2-4	\$212,500
3308 Delaware New Listing-3308-3312 Delaware, 2bd/1ba up, 1bd/1ba dn Nancy Chew, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	3bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$195,000
2335 10th St #C Di Allen-Thompson, (510) 845-0200, Prudential	2bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$184,900
1187 Sierling Ave By Owner 510-849-2207	3 - bd/2ba	2-5	\$409,000

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5442 Hillside Carla Della Zoppa (510) 862-8558, Security Pacific RE	4bd/3ba	2-4	\$369,950

KENSINGTON

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
32 Ketter Ave. Wells & Bennett, Katie Meador, (510) 531-7000 x288	5bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$750,000
272 Almerest Ave. Barbara Kaplan (510) 527-9111, 559-2910, Martin Gardens	2bd/4ba	2-4	\$299,000

LAFAYETTE

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
914 Old Hawthorn Rd. For Sale By Owner (707) 575-6800; (925) 283-8756	4bd/21/3ba	12-6	\$599,000

OAKLAND

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
5618 La Salle Ave. LA SALLE ESTATES Debra Dryden, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400	4bd/4ba	2-6	\$2,750,000
6510 Pinedale Dr. MONTCLAIR-Gorgeous Ann Nichols, (510) 339-6460, Pacific Union	4 - bd/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$1,175,000
6191 Virgo Rd. MONTCLAIR-New Mediterranean Francis Heath, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	4bd/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$1,089,000
6130 Mazuela Drive MONTCLAIR Sandy Chiu, Prudential CA Realty (510) 339-9290	5bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$999,000
2098 Leimert UPPER OAKMORE-New Listing Dor & Joe Knowland, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	4bd/3ba	2-4:30	\$999,000
217 Gravit Dr. CLAREMONT HILLS-New Listing Vicki Woodhead, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	4 - bd/3ba	2-4:30	\$879,000
5132 Cochran Ave. SOPHISTICATED DECO Elizabeth Dickson, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400	3bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$879,000
1102 Grand View Dr. CLAREMONT HILLS-Six yr. old Tuscan home Kathleen Callahan, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	3 - bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$875,000
265 Hillcrest Rd. CHARMING CLAREMONT CAPE COD Karen Starr, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400	4bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$829,000
123 Capricorn MONTCLAIR Montclair Better Homes Realty, (510) 339-8400	4bd/3ba	2-4:30	\$825,000
174 Alta Nancy Hinkley, Prudential, (510) 428-0900	3bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$825,000
13651 Campus Dr. RIDGEMONT Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen, (510) 531-7000 x242	4bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$789,000

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1045 Aquarius Way MONTCLAIR Montclair Better Homes Realty, (510) 339-8400	3 + bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$749,000
5545 Fernhoff Rd. HILLCREST ESTATES Kurt Buchholz, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400	3bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$729,000
1830 Grand View HILL HIGHLANDS-Best Buy, Top of the Hill Montclair Better Homes Realty, (510) 339-8400	3bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$695,000
1001 Sunnyhill Rd. STUNNING FRENCH NORMANDY James Garcia, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400	3bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$649,000
1024 Manposa BEAUTIFUL BERKELEY BROWN SHINGLES Mare Delacosta, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400	4bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$649,000
6400 Longcroft MONTCLAIR-Gorgeous Details-Brand New Const. Michelle Vasey, Pacific Union, (510) 339-8400	4 - bd/3.5ba	2-4:30	\$649,000
2053 Bywood Dr. Barbara, WOHL-LUTTRINGER, (510) 865-9343	4bd/4.5ba	1-5	\$649,000
120 Calvert Ct. UNIQUE SERENE SETTING Sheila Gallagher, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400	3 - bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$629,000
6818 Charming Cross Ben-Zaid, Prudential, 510-339-9290	3bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$598,500
5678 Ocean View ROCKHIDGE-Classic Craftsman Michelle Vasey, Pacific Union, (510) 339-8400	3bd/1.5ba	2-4:30	\$549,000
6441 Glen Oaks Way MONTCLAIR-Stunning S.F. Bay Views Carolyn Harley, Montclair Better Homes Realty (510) 339-8400	3bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$545,000
6766 Pinehaven Rd. MONTCLAIR Emily Lane, Prudential (510) 339-9290	3bd/3ba	2-4:30	\$535,000
827 Grosvenor Pl. CUTE CROCKER HIGHLANDS HOME Debi Fitzgerald, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	3 - bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$525,000
6357 Broadway Terr. CHARMING COUNTRY ENGLISH HOME Judy Cain, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400	3bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$499,000
11 Ashmont Way CROCKER HIGHLANDS-New Listing Patricia Scott, Pacific Union, (510) 339-8400	3bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$495,000
6027 Buena Vista Ave. UPPER ROCKHIDGE-Sunny Joan Hause, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	3 - bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$489,000
1968 Gouldin MONTCLAIR-New Listing David Korkman, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	3 - bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$459,000

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5924 Montal Ave. MONTCLAIR Celia Concas, (510) 527-0211, Millstein & Assoc. R.E.	3bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$445,000
5959 Westover Dr. MONTCLAIR-Drainage Ten Cardas, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	2 - bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$439,000
4616 Redwood Rd. REDWOOD HTS.-Fabelous Duck Cohen, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	3bd/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$429,000
4050 Ballour CROCKER HIGHLANDS-Recent Remodeled/Fenced Gardens Montclair Better Homes Realty, (510) 339-8400	3bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$379,000
1691 Mountain Blvd. Ken Ferrell (510) 339-8900, La Salle Properties	2bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$369,000
4393 Detroit Ave. REDWOOD HTS.-Reduced Diane E. McCan, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	2bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$369,000
6144 Valley View MONTCLAIR Wells & Bennett, Richard Hope, (510) 531-7000 x244	3bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$325,000
5378 Broadway UPPER ROCKHIDGE-New Listing Wendy Gardner, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	2bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$319,000
4464 Mattis Court REDWOOD HEIGHTS Nanette Watson, Prudential, (510) 339-9290	3bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$315,000
498 Jean St. RY HILL-2240-2242 7th Ave. Wells & Bennett, Jini Kelly, (510) 531-7000 x247	3bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$295,000
2240 7th Ave. CUTE CROCKER HIGHLANDS HOME Montclair Better Homes Realty, (510) 339-8400	2bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$289,000
1321 Bates Rd. MONTCLAIR Debi Fitzgerald, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	2bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$289,000
4651 Park Blvd. Deb Niley (510) 339-8900, La Salle Properties	3bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$269,000
5601 Merriewood Dr. MONTCLAIR TD Marshall, Prudential, (510) 339-9290	1bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$259,000
5673 Florence Terr. WONDERFUL ROMANTIC COTTAGE/HUGE LOT Betina Baleshret, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400	2bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$259,000
3114 Wisconsin St. LAUREL Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammett, (510) 531-7000 x346	3bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$249,000
2514 Rampart St. Mesa Oaks, Harbor Bay Realty, (510) 814-4838	2bd/1ba	12-2	\$240,000
736 54th St. Hawesite Green, Prudential, (510) 834-2010	4bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$239,500

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
737 61st St. Sedonia Logan, Prudential, (510) 888-2134	2 + bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$219,000
320 Lee St. #705 ADAMS PT. Wells & Bennett, Patsy Butler, (510) 531-7000 x238	2bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$207,000
2832 Monticello Ave. Steven Hutton, Prudential, (510) 287-2569	3bd/1ba	2:30-4:30	\$185,000
3016 Sutter St. Sherry Long, Prudential, (510) 339-9290	2bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$170,000
4390 Whittle Ave. Wells & Bennett, Don Dunning, (510) 482-2256	1bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$169,500
987 Allen St. Shirley Covington, Prudential, (510) 834-2010	2bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$169,500
424 Staten Ave. #307 Helen Mar, Prudential, (510) 644-5219	2bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$159,000
320 Lee St. Tom Erwin (510) 339-8900, La Salle Properties	1bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$155,000
3215 Lorenzo Ave. LAUREL Wells & Bennett, Carol Robbins, (510) 531-7000	1bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$142,000
2031 E. 26th St. Art, Art Realty, (510) 655-1159	2bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$123,900
651 Oakland Ave. ENJOY CONDO CONVENIENCE Montclair Better Homes Realty, (510) 339-8400	1bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$120,000
555 Jean St. #522 GRAND LAKE Wells & Bennett, Joy Bryden, (510) 531-7000 x218	1bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$115,000

ORINDA

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
1 Miramonte Rd. Beverly Arnold, 925-253-4666, Coldwell Banker	5 B4/3 Ba	1-4	\$739,900

PIEDMONT

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
401 Wildwood Ave. EXTREMELY ELEGANT Anjan Pettit Tunney, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400	2bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$1,495,000
33 Mesa NEW LISTING-CHARMING Georgia Cornell/Jean Doriel, Pacific Union, (510) 339-6460	5bd/7.5ba	2-4:30	\$1,385,000
761 Lakewood BEAUTY, 2 STORY MONTEREY COLONIAL Carla Carne, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400	4 - bd/3ba	2-4:30	\$829,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
34 Calvert Ct. STYLISH CONTEMPORARY ON COLLETTA Sarah Korman/Dick Cohen, Pacific Union	3 - bd/2ba	1-4:30	\$149,000
56 Wildwood Ave. NEW LISTING Katherine Cooper, The GRUBB Co., (510) 339-0400	3 - bd/4ba	1-4:30	\$149,000
5918 Monterey David Laskofsky (510) 527-9800, Prudential	2bd/3 ba	2-4:30	\$149,000
2760 Arlington A.B. June (510) 527-9800, Prudential	2bd/1ba	2-4:30	\$149,000
968 36th St. NORTH & EAST Rayne Palmer, Prudential, (510) 535-0140	2bd/4ba	1-4:30	\$149,000
3161 Birmingham Dr. #204 OPEN SATURDAY only Melissa Fabella (510) 333-2270, Trans-Union	2bd/1 ba	1-4:30	\$149,000

RODEO

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
317 Vaqueros Lafayette (510) 527-9800, Prudential	4bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$149,000

SAN FRANCISCO

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
547 41st St. Mick Larrow (510) 525-2727, La Salle Properties	2bd/2ba	1-4:30	\$149,000
215 Red Rock 102J AFFORDABLE/ADORABLE CONDO-OWNERS Montclair Better Homes Realty, (510) 339-8400	1bd/1ba	1-4:30	\$149,000

SAN LEANDRO

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
496 Callan Ave. Dore Gorman Real Estate 510-523-5150	2 bd/1 ba	2-4:30	\$149,000

WALNUT CREEK

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1402 Los Vaqueros GORGEOUS TOWNHOME Gregory Tabetoff (925) 256-7475 Little Prince	2 - bd/2ba	2-4:30	\$149,000

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FINANCIAL

ANALYSTS (2)

Responsible for compilation and analysis of financial information. Prepare monthly actual results and related ratios. Must be extremely detail oriented. Computer applications must be used. Requires a minimum of 3 years experience. Finance a must. CPA preferred. Salary range \$80K-\$95K depending on experience and skill level.

INVENTORY

CONTROL

SUPERVISOR

Monitor all movement of inventory ensuring product integrity and accuracy. Review, enhance procedures to minimize inventory losses. Provide management reports of control issues and analyze trends for controlling non-compliance. Coordinate and reconcile physical inventories. Some one and two-day travel may be required. B.S. in Accounting or Finance. 3-5 years experience. Salary range \$37K-\$40K, depending on experience.

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ACCOUNTING

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE CLERK

Typist/Receptionist for a small law firm in Walnut Creek at Lake Merritt. FT or PT position. Handle all accounts payable, some bookkeeping, receptionist answer phones, closing billings, general office work. Must be familiar with Quicken and type 50WPM. Contact Doreen at Nancy at 510-441-1005 or FAX resume to 510-444-1254.

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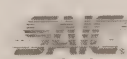
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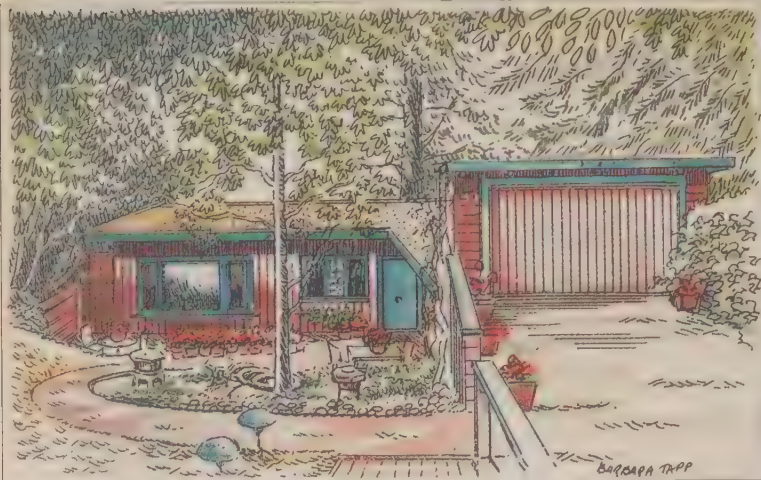
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Historic Piedmont Pines home sitting pretty

The attractive redwood contemporary home at 6161 Castle Drive, in Oakland almost didn't get built 50 years ago. The Board of the Piedmont Pines Homeowners' Association at first rejected the architect's contemporary design because of its flat roof.

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Situated on what real estate professionals call one of Piedmont Pines' most beautiful view lots, the house, built in 1949, was designed by Berkeley architect, the late Edward Hussey—a protégé of Julia Morgan.

While he was still a student in UC Berkeley's school of architecture, Hussey worked with Morgan on Hearst Castle at San Simeon. Later, he was Morgan's supervising architect for the Honolulu YWCA.

He also worked with Bernard Maybeck and, among his other commissions, was supervising architect for Maybeck's Principia College in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Hussey designed many award-winning public buildings in the Netherlands and Saudi Arabia before opening an office in Berkeley.

His young local clients, the late naval Cdr. W. Byron Wood and professor and journalist Mary Laird Wood, selected Hussey as their architect when Cdr. Wood was stationed at Oakland Naval Supply Depot after a five-year tour of duty in the Pacific.

The Woods move in

The Woods loved their view of the Bay Bridge, the Golden Gate Bridge, Mount Tamalpais and the valley and cities between.

Their view to the north encompasses the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, Berkeley Marina, the Campanile and parts of the UC Berkeley campus.

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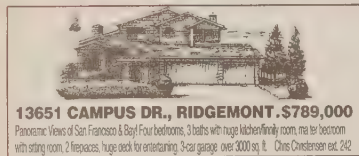
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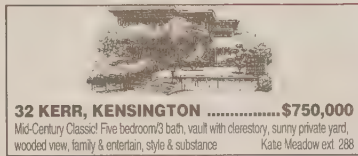
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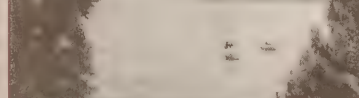
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Section C

Football St. Mary's Smith does it again, this time against Albany [C2]

Arts Loads of laughs in 'Happy, Texas' [C3]

Gauchos squeeze past Highlanders

El Cerrito crowd gives vivacious cheer during two-point victory over Piedmont

By Mike McGreehan

Again and again, the words resounded from the stands. Throughout the night they repeated, adding spice to the game and creating a festive atmosphere for all:

A la vida, A la vida
A la bin bom ba
El Cerrito, El Cerrito
Ra! Ra! Ra!

Leading the cheers at El Cerrito High School last Friday was the family of the Gauchos' Jhony Aldana. The repeated chant was like that heard time and again at Mexican soccer matches.

But this wasn't futbol. This was football. American football. El Cerrito High football for whom Jhony Aldana is an interior lineman.

Before long, everyone pulling for El Cerrito - most of whom are not Spanish-speaking - began to join in with the infectious "Ra, Ra, Ra." And for good reason. For what they witnessed on the field was a partidazo - a great game - as the Gauchos held on for a 22-20 win over Piedmont in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League contest.

"They played a good football game," El Cerrito coach Frank Milo said of Piedmont. "They defended us well. Our passing game was off and we had too many turnovers. But we hung in there."

El Cerrito seemed to have the game in hand with a 22-7 lead late in the third quarter. But the tide turned the High-



EL CERRITO lineman Jacory Beck (76) falls on a fumble before Piedmont's Tim Cho can get to the ball in the first half against Piedmont. The Gauchos ended up winning the game 22-20.

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Jackets win a wild one

Berkeley goes on a scoring rampage in 48-point 1st quarter

By Curtis Pashelka

Berkeley High had been waiting for this moment all season — victory at last.

After coming close to a win the week before in a 20-20 tie against San Ramon Valley, the Yellowjackets came away victorious in a 41-21 trouncing of Granada High last Friday night in Berkeley.

In a wild first quarter that had fans turning their heads back-and-forth as if watching a tennis match, Berkeley returned two kickoffs for touchdowns and scored three more as a result of turnovers to help cruise to the 20-point win over the Matadors in East Bay Athletic League action.

The beginning of the game looked like the two teams were on their way to breaking some kind of scoring record,

especially in the first quarter.

The teams combined for 48 points in the first five minutes. Twenty-eight of those points were the result of kickoff returns for touchdowns, with each team collecting two.

Berkeley (1-0-1 EBAL, 1-2-1 overall) didn't get off to a great start. The opening kickoff sailed all the way to the Granada 2, but the Matadors' Justin Gonzales ran it back 98 yards for a score.

The Jackets didn't let that get them down. Instead, Berkeley's Keith Stephens replied with an 80-yard TD return of his own on the ensuing kick.

After Granada (0-4-1, 0-2 EBAL) took possession on its 27-yard line for its next drive, running back Derek Ancira fumbled quarterback Jason Umbarger's lateral.

Berkeley's Brian Everett scooped up the loose ball and returned it for a touchdown.

On Granada's next play from scrimmage, Ancira fumbled the exchange and the Yellowjackets' John Coots recovered. Four plays later Reggie Johnson ran in from 9 yards out to give Berkeley a 20-7

In a wild first quarter Berkeley returned two kickoffs for TD's and scored three more as a result of turnovers.

lead with 10:02 left in the first quarter.

But Gonzales got the Matadors right back in it. On the next play, he returned another kickoff for a touchdown, this one for 97 yards.

Fans shook their heads. "What next?" seemed to be the buzz going through the crowd.

They soon found out. Maurice Lee got Berkeley its two-touchdown lead back when he returned Granada's kickoff 80 yards for a score.

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Albany hungry for state title

Cougars finally get to play in front of a home crowd at Albany Middle School

By Scott Strain

Everything is (or will be) up-to-date in Albany.

A new middle school ready to play in now; a new high school in about two years. A state volleyball championship this year?

"That's what we are aiming for," coach Konrad Ott said after his team walloped St. Mary's 15-1, 15-4, 15-0 in little less than an hour. "This team is as good as any I've had here at Albany. We could do it."

The Cougars are 21-4 this season and 5-0 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic

League. Their losses have been in tournaments to some of the top teams in Northern California; not one team in the East Bay has defeated them.

They have beaten El Cerrito, which may be the third-best team in the ACCAL and they play Piedmont in the final match of the league season on Nov. 4. The Highlanders may be the best competition the Cougars have in league, but Piedmont was recently taken to five sets by a weak Alameda High, a fact which had the Albany players buzzing.

The hard-hitting Cougars simply dom-

See ALBANY, Page C2

Salt Flats racing is fun and frustrating

Racers hit 190 mph with one engine, blow the other in their '28 Ford at Bonneville

By Mike McGreehan

From the initial roar of engines to the wave of the checkered flag — the frenzied work of the pit crew to the close-ups of drivers behind their wheels squeezed in between — the world of motorsports generates passion and excitement among its multitudes of fans and participants.

But motorsports have their downside, too. Frustrations far outnumber successes and costs are sky-high. A group of Oakland High School graduates from the 1950s know both sides of motorsports well.

The guys — partners Gary Hartsock, Jack Solomon, Mike Johnston, Bruce Cameron, Brian Cameron and crewman Paul Dobson — made their annual trek to Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats in August.

Those steeped in motorsports instantly recognize Bonneville not as a place of racing, but of land speed record attempts.

In 1965, Craig Breedlove surpassed the 600-miles-per-hour barrier for the first

time in his jet-powered Spirit of America. Breedlove's record has since fallen, as jet- and rocket-powered cars dominate the overall land speed categories.

But speed records are also recognized for more "conventional" engines. Hartsock, Solomon, Johnston, Dobson and the Cameron twins are quite familiar with at least one of those records.

In 1991, Solomon drove a 1932 Ford powered by a 3.1-liter V6 Chevrolet engine 196 mph over the salt flats. That effort set a speed record for F-Fuel V6 Roadsters.

The car, however, was destroyed some months later in the 1991 Oakland hills fire.

A run at glory

This year, the car partners and crew attempted records in two motor classifications with a replica 1928 Ford Roadster.

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WITH THEIR REPLICA 1928 FORD ROADSTER at the Bonneville Salt Flats are, l-r, Jack Solomon, Gary Hartsock, Brian Cameron, Mike Johnston, Bruce Cameron and crew member Paul Dobson.

Smith unstoppable in win over Cougars

St. Mary's back scores four TD's against Albany

By Ethan Sprague

Eddie Smith did it again. The St. Mary's High School running back scored four touchdowns against an injury-depleted Albany High as the Panthers ran over the Cougars, 42-7, last Friday afternoon at Cougar Field.

The Cougars were unable to stop Smith, who amassed 243 yards on 19 carries on the way to his four scores. Albany planned to defend against Smith with its own bruising running back, Billy Bennett, who in addition to his offensive duties is a mainstay on the defensive side of the ball.

Bennett, a safety, was able to limit the tenacious Smith to short gains in the first quarter. But the heat and the lack of offensive firepower by the Cougars, who were playing without

starting quarterback Tim Onweller (knee injury), left Bennett spent and suffering from leg cramps.

"Billy Bennett left his tank empty," St. Mary's coach Dan Shaughnessy said.

With Bennett unable to play every down in the second half, Smith went through the defense like a cool breeze, breaking off touchdown runs of 36, 28, and 3 yards.

"When I broke out, he was right there," Smith said of Bennett. "But when he went out, there was nobody there."

Nobody on the Cougars (1-3-1, 0-3-1 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League) seemed to know what to do on offense.

Their only significant play was a 86-yard run by Jonathan Ball on the opening possession of the second half. St. Mary's was leading 22-0 when Albany scored.

"I got a good block from my receiver," Ball said. "With Bennett split right, nobody was on the left."

St. Mary's (3-2, 3-1 ACCAL)

scored on its first possession of the game on Smith's 5-yard run. A 2-point conversion made it 8-0.

Then, with five seconds left in the first quarter, Omar Young intercepted an ill-advised Jeremiah Pingueto pass and returned it 54 yards for a touchdown. The extra point made it 15-0.

St. Mary's closed out the half with a 14-yard burst from Trestin George, giving the Panthers their 22-0 halftime edge.

Similar styles

Although Bennett wore down chasing Smith in the first half, the two have similar styles and seemed to appreciate each other's talents.

"He said 'Good job, good tackle,'" Bennett said of Smith, recalling a play when he knocked Smith out of bounds on the 3-yard line.

Smith also had some advice for Bennett after the game.

"You've got to take these pills that stop cramping," Smith said, stopping to shake hands and talk with Bennett as he limped to the locker room.

St. Mary's volleyball at best in tourney win

Panthers give it their all at St. Elizabeth Tournament before facing potent Albany

By Scott Strain

The St. Mary's girls volleyball left its best game on the floor in Oakland on Saturday. How else to explain the 15-1, 15-4, 15-0 loss at Albany on Tuesday night?

Sure the Cougars are the best volleyball team around, but Panther coach Trudy Hebert expected little better effort from her troops.

"We played all right," she said. "It's disappointing; we could have done a little better. A couple of things we set for ourselves we actually did, but we could have obviously done a little better."

St. Mary's is just 1-4 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League, but actually had its best stretch of matches this weekend when it won the St. Elizabeth Tournament, defeating the host Mustangs 15-8, 16-14 in the title match.

The Panthers knocked off Immaculate Conception Academy of San Francisco in the first round and

then beat Holy Names in the semifinals to advance to the championship.

"We played out best games over the weekend," Hebert said. "We actually defeated a couple of teams that had beaten us in league. We beat St. Liz in the championship which was good because they slaughtered us in league. That was really nice."

"We split with El Cerrito and that also was nice because they also beat us in league. We played really well and we have the ability to win some of these tough matches against teams that are more our speed. To get to the playoffs, we have to do well in the league, but at least we won something."

The difference, perhaps, was that teams in the St. Elizabeth Tournament were more or less regular curriculum for the Panthers — Albany was an advanced placement exam.

But at St. Liz, the Panthers reigned supreme. Jazmin Pratt had nine kills and two aces in the title match and Ronice Sweet and Sugar

Vendil each had six kills, two blocks and Vendil had four aces.

"We have some good players," Hebert said. "Audra... in the middle, and she's a good job. I have some younger girls playing who are starting to do a lot. Elizabeth Carr and Sweet Kyra Hafez have been doing a job as outside hitters. They were injured and did not play very well. Her absence did not help."

"The tournament was when they played well. They all did a good job, just one or two players."

But now it is back to league play for the Panthers if they want to make the playoffs. They will have to do better than St. Elizabeth's team, which will fade quickly if league play continues to mount.

Gauchos

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landers' way as Piedmont came back with two unanswered touchdowns. Only a missed two-point conversion attempt with 1:31 left in the contest prevented a tie.

El Cerrito enjoyed success moving the ball on the ground but gremlins ruled the air game, which was characterized by countless frustrating near-completions.

Gauchos fullback Okoro Onyike led the ground game with 104 yards on 17 carries. David Rose added 94 yards on 23 attempts. Onyike and Rose gained their yards behind the fine blocking of Aldana, Andrew Keough, Ronald Byias and Kenneth Kahn.

In the passing department, quarterback Joe McBride put the ball in the air 22 times. But only six of those passes were completed for a whopping total of 54 yards.

Piedmont surprised everybody — maybe even itself — by scoring the first touchdown of the night, a 9-yard pass from Drew Olson to Peter Schneider with 9:34 left in the first quarter. Billy Betts booted the extra point and the Highlanders led 7-0.

An El Cerrito fumble set up the Piedmont touchdown, and the Gauchos fumbled twice more — losing one — before the end of the half. But turnaround was fair play as the Gauchos recovered a Piedmont fumble at their own 41 in the second quarter; then drove 59 yards to put themselves on the scoreboard.

The Gauchos needed nine plays to complete the drive, abetted by a Piedmont roughing penalty. Rose capped the drive with a 2-yard run and McBride threw to Lawrence McGrew for the two-point conversion and an 8-7 lead — a lead that the Gauchos never would relinquish.

Later, El Cerrito drove 65 yards on 11 plays and a pair of illegal substitution penalties on Piedmont. The Gauchos scored their second touchdown of the night with 28 seconds left in the half on one of their passes that did prove fruitful — a 9-yard strike from McBride to Jason Washington. McBride threw to McGrew again for two more points, buoying the Gauchos' spirits with a 16-7 halftime lead.

Good news

The news only got better for the Gauchos at the start of the second half. Though the Gauchos didn't score on the opening possession, they quickly got the ball back when Marcus Skinner-Demps intercepted an Olson pass

and returned it 15 yards to the Piedmont 7.

From there, the Gauchos needed only two plays to score. Onyike gained 4 yards on first down and Rose ran in from the 3 on second. The two-point pass attempt, however, fell incomplete as El Cerrito settled for a 22-7 lead with 7:51 to go in the third quarter.

Piedmont wasn't quite ready to close up shop as the Highlanders drove from their own 26 to the El Cerrito 13 after the kickoff. But a holding penalty and

third play of the drive was not a charm, as the Gauchos fumbled the ball away to Piedmont at the 12.

The Highlanders made the most of their newfound fortune as Olson scored on a 9-yard bootleg two plays later. Betts kicked the extra point and the Highlanders were back in business, trailing only 22-14 with 3:26 left in the third quarter.

In the fourth quarter, an 18-yard pass from Olson to Matt Peterson culminated an 88-yard drive and moved



MARK DUFRENE

EL CERRITO DEFENDER LARONN GRAY (30), pulls down Piedmont High's Colin McKnight after a catch in the game Friday.

a fumbled handoff that Betts fell on for an 8-yard loss eventually led to a fourth down-and-26 situation from the El Cerrito 29. Olson lofted the ball deep toward the left sideline, only to have Washington intercept it at the 1.

El Cerrito's offense took over in this most precarious field position and need only two plays to make the first down and get some breathing room. But the

Highlanders to within two points. Piedmont went for the tie by attempting a two-point conversion. But Olson's pass fell incomplete.

El Cerrito had one more nervous moment to survive — the expected on-side kick by Piedmont. Ricky Gaudreau recovered that kick for El Cerrito. With that, the ra, ra, ran from stands became even more exuberant.

Albany

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inated the Panthers, who won the St. Elizabeth Tournament on Saturday. Seniors Lindsey Marshall and Laura Jensen had aces in the final set, as did juniors Alison West and Shannon Brazil. St. Mary's couldn't hit for points — three of the five they did get came on Albany errors at the net.

The team is playing in a brand spanking new facility, one of the best (if not the best) middle school gyms in the Bay Area. The new Albany Middle School opened in September and the district administration has graciously allowed the high-school team to use the facilities.

"The administration here has been absolutely fantastic," Ott said. "We've been on the road for three years and usually we had about 12

people — all parents — show up. Now we can have some students and other fans come to our matches."

The Cougars were used to excelling in anonymity; they played their "home" matches at Alameda Point gym on the site of the closed Alameda Naval Air Station. It was drafty, dingy and huge. It was for the military, not high school, and Ott said he and his team were becoming increasingly frustrated. They had an excellent program, the best success of any high school program at Albany, but few came to see it.

Now all that has changed. The match against St. Mary's was only the third one the middle school gym and Ott said his team will keep using the gym until the new one at the new high school is ready. Figure 18 months, two years at the outside, for that to happen.

And Ott envisions more good things when his team moves. "The

high school gym will be... It is going to be a fantastic place," he said.

Besides the goals of the ACCAL championship, the Coast Section title and the California Regionals, convince league officials to schedule playoffs here as well as NCS matches. "I'm trying to convince them to move from (High)," he said. "We can't win it."

Not to mention that it's a case Albany Middle School the great little gem of a school the Cougars would have a court advantage, but as for their three-set winners, Mary's, it is not going to be a difference where the match is too good; if the Cougars are going to win anyway, why not a place that players, coaches, parents and referees can

Jackets

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"It was a track meet in the first quarter," Grenada Aaron Gingery said. "We knew Berkeley had some speed and some dangerous players. But they're a much better coached team than last year."

Still, only 2:28 had elapsed off the clock. Berkeley finally capped off the carnage two minutes later. Four plays after a Louis Jordan interception, Stephens ran in from 5 yards out to make the score 34-14 with 7:12 left in the first quarter.

"We came out late," Berkeley coach Gary Weaver said. "Their first kickoff return caught us off balance. But we were able to settle down and

regain our composure."

Rashad Edwards capped lowjackets' scoring with a run in the second quarter. Granada wasn't able again until Danny Jaeger ran from 1 yard out with 5:11 left in the game.

Peter Mentor contributed to the story.

Salt Flats

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First, Solomon got in the car in an attempt to improve the record he set eight years earlier. Then, after changing over to a gasoline powered 360-cubic inch Chevrolet V8 motor, Hartsock got behind the wheel for a run at a record in that class.

Alas, the fortunes of motorsports did not smile at this group of grown-up high school buddies. They would set no records in 1999.

"It wasn't our best year, for sure," said Hartsock, now living in Piedmont. "We went a little faster than last year

— we went over 190 in the V8, but we blew out the motor on the V6."

The V6 was a 3.1-liter nitromethane powered engine — just like the record-setting motor of 1991. "We lost oil pressure and destroyed the block itself," Hartsock explained. "We blew a rod."

Though misfortune befell the V6, the same could not be said of the V8. But good engine performance alone is not enough to guarantee a speed record. Many other factors come into play.

"The V8 is running very well, but we've got to solve the handling problems we had," said Hartsock. "We have rack-and-pinion steering, but it doesn't seem to work with the beam

axle (as opposed to independent suspension). We're pursuing ways of improving that."

Yes, this year's speed Bonneville had its share of disappointments for a group of buddies and their families. Still, the excitement of it to Bonneville overhauls fortunes or inconvenience might experience. In fact, it is already looking forward to next year's trip.

"Other than (the engine handling problems), we had Hartsock. "We'll go back to the board and try again. For this group, it seems can't come soon enough."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Benefit dinner

The second annual Ed Block Courage Award Oakland Raiders' Recognition Dinner will take place Tuesday, Nov. 16 in the West Side Club at the Oakland Coliseum. Sponsorship levels are \$1,500, \$2,500, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Proceeds will benefit the Fred Finch Youth Center in Oakland. For details, call event coordinator Laurie Earp at 532-7700.

Soccer

Albany High School graduate Annie Izaki has been selected to the Vassar College soccer team. Izaki is a junior at Vassar.

Youth basketball

Berkeley Youth Alternatives is holding youth coed basketball

leagues every Saturday. The league is for players 6-10. The league is open to players who are \$12. Call 845-9010.

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Football

PREP

ACCAL	W	L	T	PF	PA	Ovrl
El Cerrito	3	0	0	130	80	5-0-0
Piedmont	3	1	0	126	82	3-2-0
St. Mary's	3	0	1	178	52	3-0-0
De Anza	3	0	1	185	72	4-1-0
Richmond	2	1	0	72	43	3-2-0
Encinal	1	2	1	55	126	1-3-1
Albany	0	3	1	23	137	1-3-1
Kennedy	0	3	0	8	104	1-3-0
Alameda	0	3	0	8	105	0-5-0

Friday's results

El Cerrito 22, Piedmont 20
Encinal 34, Kennedy 8
St. Mary's 42, Albany 7
De Anza 35, Richmond 14

El Cerrito 22, Piedmont 20

Piedmont 7 0 7 0 8 20
El Cerrito 0 16 0 0 22

P — Schneider 9 pass from Olson (Bette kick)
EC — Rosa 3 run (McGrew from McBride)
EC — Washington 9 pass from McBride (McGrew from McBride)

EC — Rosa 2 run (pass failed)
EC — Olson 8 run (Bette kick)
P — Peterson 18 pass from Olson (pass failed)

First downs 16 19
Rushing yards 20-5 48-207
Passing 19-38-3 6-21-0
Passing yards 226 64
Total offense 231 261
Fumbles/lost 0/0 4/3

Individual statistics
Rushing: P — Bette 5-14, Rubke 9-6, Olson 6-15, EC — Onyike 18-118, Rose 24-102, McBride 6-13.
Passing: P — Olson 19-38-3-225, EC — McBride 6-21-0-54.

Receiving: P — Schneider 12-154, McKnight 4-37, Feison

2-18, Peterson 1-18, EC — Gatewood 3-23, Washington 2-31
Records: Piedmont 3-2, 2-1 ACCAL, El Cerrito 5-0, 3-0 ACCAL

St. Mary's 42, Albany 7

Albany 15 7 7 13 42
St. Mary's 0 0 7 0 7

SM — E. Smith 5 run (Wright from M. Smith)
SM — Young 54 interception (Barry kick)
SM — George 14 run (Barry kick)
A — Ball 86 run (Bennett kick)
SM — E. Smith 36 run (Barry kick)
SM — E. Smith 3 run (kick failed)
SM — E. Smith 3 run (Barry kick)

First downs 13 5
Rushing yards 329 106
Passing 4-10-1 3-10-1
Passing yards 64 30
Total offense 383 136
Fumbles/lost 0/0 4/1

Individual statistics
Rushing: SM — E. Smith 19-243, George 6-29, Weatherly 5-11, M. Smith 5-3, Alexander 2-34, Giovannioli 2-3, Coleman 1-2, A — Bennett 11-22, Ball 9-81, Dell 4-16, Eatts 4-9, Pingueto 1-11, Pinkston 1-11
12. Viazom 2-30-18 Pinkston 2-0-0
Receiving: SM — George 2-22, Wright 1-30, Sanders 1-2, A — Javendri 1-15, Bennett 1-12, Ball 1-3

Records: St. Mary's 3-2, 3-1 ACCAL, Albany 1-3-1, 0-3-1

ACCAL

California 38, Monte Vista 31
Berkeley 41, Granada 21

Berkeley 41, Granada 21

Granada 34 7 0 0 41
Berkeley 14 0 0 7 21

G — Gonzales 98 kickoff return (Ancora kick)
B — Stephens 90 kickoff return (Bloomsburgh kick)
B — Everett 23 fumble return (Bloomsburgh kick)
B — Johnson 9 run (kick failed)
G — Gonzales 97 kickoff return (Ancora kick)
B — Lee 80 kickoff return (Bloomsburgh kick)
B — Stephens 5 run (Bloomsburgh kick)
B — Edwards 55 run (Bloomsburgh kick)
G — Jaeger 1 run (Ancora kick)

First downs 8 9
Rushing yards 24-47 45-197
Passing 4-17-2 4-8-0
Passing yards 52 27
Total offense 99 224
Fumbles/lost 3/3 2/2

Individual statistics
Rushing: G — Ancora 9-34, Gonzales 3-15, Granados 3-15, Jaeger 2-1, Abrahamson 1-7, Umbarger 7-1-10, B — Johnson 15-7, Edwards 3-52, Stephens 10-43, Lee 1-15, Williams 2-9, Stephens 3-7, Washington 8-8
Passing: G — Umbarger 4-17-2-52, B — Washington 4-8-0-27
Receiving: G — Behne 3-41, Beck 1-11, B — Stephens 3-16, Smith 1-11
Records: Berkeley 1-2-1, 1-0-1, Granada 0-4-1, 0-2

Calendar
PREP
ACCAL football — Friday at Albany, Piedmont at Kennedy, 3:30 p.m.; St. Mary's at El Cerrito, Encinal at Richmond, 7:30 p.m.
EBAL football — Berkeley at Livermore, 7 p.m.

Friday's results
Foothill 28, San Ramon Valley 21
Livermore 27, Amador Valley 7

Arts

Get yourself a good laugh in 'Happy, Texas'



JEREMY NORTHAM, William H. Macy, in background, and Steve Zahn star in "Happy, Texas," a film well worth your bucks.

By Karen Hershenson

"Happy, Texas" is a good name for this movie, a rollicking, kindhearted comedy that asks for nothing more than to entertain.

Directed and co-written by first-timer Mark Illsley, who just three years ago was selling toupees, it was a standout at this year's Sundance Film Festival, where it triggered a bidding war (Miramax won) and landed a special acting prize for star Steve Zahn.

He deserved it. The wild-eyed,

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Happy, Texas"

■ **STARRING:** Jeremy Northam, Steve Zahn, William H. Macy, Illeana Douglas

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (language, sexual content, some violence)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 30 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opened Friday, Oct. 8, at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** B+

wild-haired actor's career has been building momentum, with recent parts

in "Out of Sight" and "Forces of Nature." But neither can match his

comedic tour de force as Wayne Wayne Jr., a mumbling escaped con who must transform himself into a tap-dancing, tiara-wearing instructor of little girls.

Zahn is paired with the typically genteel Jeremy Northam ("An Ideal Husband," "The Winslow Boy"), who makes a perfect counterpoint as Harry Sawyer, also a chain-gang alum, but one better able to negotiate in polite society.

Add William H. Macy as a hick sheriff named Chappy, and Illeana

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Irakere's musical influence continues

By Andrew Gilbert

Cuban musicians had been blending jazz harmonies and Afro-Cuban rhythms for a generation when pianist Chucho Valdés, saxophonist Paquito D'Rivera and trumpeter Arturo Sandoval created the Cuban supergroup Irakere in 1973.

But when Irakere created its influential new sound incorporating elements of traditional Cuban music (batá drums, religious Lucumi lyrics), advanced post-bop and the jazz-rock fusion that was coming of age in the United States, the music was attacked as a threat to Cuban cultural sovereignty.

For the government, mixing musical styles from the United States with traditional Cuban forms amounted to trading with the enemy, and the communist cultural bureaucracy did what it could to minimize the band's overt American influences.

"In the beginning of Irakere it was very difficult because they called jazz the music of the imperialists," Sandoval said in an interview a few years back. "They didn't let us use cymbals with the drums because they said that meant jazz, and we weren't allowed to play jazz. In the end that's what we really wanted to do, so we made up an excuse and said we were doing some research on the Afro-Cuban roots of our music."

The government backed off when the group quickly attained legendary status, but the career and political restrictions of Cuban life eventually took a toll on the band. D'Rivera defected to the United States in 1980, and Sandoval left Irakere to found his own band in 1981, leaving Valdés as Irakere's guiding spirit. The trumpeter defected from Cuba in 1990, and is now a harsh critic of the Castro government.

Under Valdés' leadership, the

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Subtle, intense 'Limey' bristles with meaning

Director Soderbergh does masterful job of letting story build; British actor Stamp is excellent in lead role

By Karen Hershenson

There isn't a contrived moment in "The Limey," a quietly powerful drama about love and revenge.

The characters work, the music works, and the story is allowed to build with a subtle intensity so rare in American films. That's because director Steven Soderbergh is an accomplished craftsman, as he has proven with his breakthrough "sex, lies & videotape," the under-appreciated "King of the Hill" and last year's raucous "Out of Sight."

The mood is softer in "The Limey," even though the story line is harsh: A British ex-con comes to L.A. to find out why his aspiring-actress daughter was found, neck broken,

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "The Limey"

■ **STARRING:** Terence Stamp, Peter Fonda, Lesley Ann Warren

■ **RATING:** R (violence and language)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 27 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opened Friday, Oct. 8, at the California, Berkeley

■ **GRADE:** B+

in a car that plummeted over a cliff and exploded in flames.

British veteran Terence Stamp takes it all the way as the lead character, a thief named Wilson. With his measured cockney accent and a stare that says "Do not mess with me," he's cool on the outside, but has an

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Nothing shady about Moss Brothers' debut CD



THIS DEBUT CD from the Moss brothers, Piedmont residents Reuben (left) and Evan, is available at Rasputins and Hear Music in Berkeley, and at the Hear Music Metreon in San Francisco. "On The North Side of The Tree" is also available through the boys' Web site (www.mossbrothers.com).

STAFF REPORTS

They may be young, but they can play guitar and drums.

The Moss Brothers — a fledgling musical group featuring Piedmont brothers Reuben and Evan Moss — have released their first CD, "On The North Side of The Tree."

Eight of the 10 songs on the CD were written and composed by Reuben, the band's diminutive and bespectacled 10-year-old singer and guitarist. Evan, the drummer, is 13.

The original blues-and-rock-fueled tunes, from "Guitar & Drums" to

"Baseball," reveal some mature noise well beyond the brothers' years.

Cuts from the album have been heard on several local radio stations, including KFOG and KALX.

On the album, Reuben handles lead vocals and electric guitar, but also plays acoustic guitar and violin. In addition to his drumming chores, Evan adds percussion and backup vocals to the mix.

The boys first commanded attention during a live performance at Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown's inaugural celebration in January.

When the film opened 20 years ago, its blunt, sexual footage caused some controversy, and was billed as one of the first pornographic pictures to feature big-name stars: Peter O'Toole, He-

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HOT SHEET!

■ Cal Performances presents German photographer Rineke Dijk's "Carnations" at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15, and Saturday, Oct. 16, at Zellerbach Hall in Berkeley. A 3 p.m. show is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 17. Call 510-642-9988.

■ Lisa Gray performs an acoustic gig at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 15, at 16, Berkeley's Wesleyan Foundation. 2500 Shattuck Way, Cal. 510-549-1244.

EVENTS

Traveling Jewish Theatre

An experimental ensemble launches their 21st season with the Bay Area premiere of the memoirs of Gluckel of Hameln at the Julia Morgan Theatre in Berkeley. The work is based upon the real-life writings of an independent 17th century Jewish businesswoman, mother, and author.

The play runs Oct. 14-17. Schedule is Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 with discounts available for students, seniors, and groups of 10 or more. On Thursday pay what you can tickets are available at the door.

Additionally, on opening night, \$25 tickets are available, which include admission to a private party in Berkeley with the artists following the performance.

Theater is located on 2640 College Ave. Call 415-339-1809 for information.

Fairyland

Fairyland is theme park featuring more than 30 colorful fantasy sets designed for children age 10 and under. There are gentle rides, a train, the Peter Rabbit Village, puppet shows, storytelling and lots of slides and animals.

Families are invited to celebrate the harvest during four weeks in October. On Oct. 16, 17, 23 and 24, visitors can help Fairyland prepare for Halloween by making masks, scarecrows, ghosts, bats and other fun Halloween decorations.

"Sadko," puppet show runs through Nov. 7. A young sailor brings prosperity to Russia. Shows daily at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Fairyland Child Personalities Performances run through November. Fairyland's 36-member performance ensemble will present one of three musicals every weekend. The ensemble's members range in age from 6 to 8. The shows are "The Wizard of Oz," "Anansi the Spider" and "Hanuman the Monkey King."

Shows are Saturday and Sunday noon and 3 p.m.

Admission: \$5 general includes unlimited rides; free children under age 1. Hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fairyland is at Grand and Bellevue avenues, Oakland. Call 510-452-2259 or 510-238-6878.

San Francisco Jazz Festival

"Jazz Dialogues," runs through Oct. 24. A series of presentations exploring topics in jazz history and performance as seen through the eyes of prominent musicians, educators and other jazz experts.

■ Oct. 16, 2 p.m.: "The Latin Jazz Resurgence: Why and How." A panel discussion with Jesse "Chuy" Varela, Jose Cuellar, Rob Lever, Greg Landau and John Santos.

■ Oct. 18, 1 p.m.: Master class and discussion with Charlie Haden.

■ Oct. 24, 4 p.m.: "Mambo, Rumba, Samba and More." A workshop/demonstration with John Santos and Javier Navarrette.

Free admission to Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. Call 415-788-SFJF.

Studs Terkel presentation

Oct. 17, 7:30 p.m. An on-stage discussion with Pulitzer Prize-winning oral historian and author Studs Terkel and novelist David Thomson.

Admission: \$15. King Middle School, 1781 Rose St., Berkeley. Call 510-848-6767, ext. 611.

Cactus and Succulent Society of California

Show and sale runs Oct. 23 and Oct. 24. Vendors offer a wide range of rare and exotic plants.

Free admission. Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Exhibit at Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland.

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BILL MANN
Media Notes

Reel life stories

Deer, Deer: You don't see many foul-ups on KTVU's top-rated 10 O'Clock News, let alone any like the big one that happened one night last week. The reason you don't see a lot of foul-ups is because Channel 2's news operation is loaded with capable people and it generally runs as smooth as silk. When I worked at KTVU as a news writer, I was impressed by the professionalism and dedication of the people who work at the nationally respected TV news shop in Oakland.

That's why this this one was so unusual and hilarious. The day after, even no-nonsense anchor Dennis Richmond had to agree it was funny. You'd sometimes have a hard time knowing it by watching the serious newsmen on the air, but Richmond has a sense of humor.

The incident also underlines how producing a TV newscast is a collaborative effort involving many people. If just one makes a mistake, the whole thing can quickly fall apart.

You may recall the story last week about the pair of deer that found their way into an Orinda home. Two bucks caused several hundred bucks in property damage.

That night, in KTVU's "cold open," a nightly 15-second intro at 5:59 p.m., that's meant to keep viewers tuned in, Richmond's voiceover said, "two deer get into an East Bay home and caused havoc," or something similar. But instead of seeing the correct footage with a few chairs knocked over, viewers saw a home devastated — the walls and floors were destroyed and the ceiling was scorched.

"That's some deer," said my wife, who was watching with me. It didn't make sense. We stayed tuned, all right.

KTVU had accidentally switched tapes. What had gone on the air were shots of a home that had been bombed, allegedly by a Fremont police were holding as a suspect.

The bomb story ran higher in the following newscast than the deer report, so when the bombing story did run, with the now-correct tape footage that was shown before the deer damage, it was then clear what had happened — and it was hilarious.

The messed-up show opening had also sounded bad and looked strange: Richmond had to fumble his way through the cold open. It almost sounded like his microphone wasn't working right because his script was for the wrong tape and the normally polished anchor realized this and was scrambling.

"This kind of thing happens a lot," said one KTVU news staffer. But it doesn't happen at Channel 2 that often. Labeling tapes and stories becomes routine, but sometimes it gets TOO routine. It all comes down to the producer.

When I talked to Richmond about the episode the next day, I was afraid he'd still be fuming from the night before. I was surprised when Richmond said instead, "It was really pretty funny. Not only did the tapes get switched, but my teleprompter wasn't working and I also had been given the wrong script."

The award-winning anchor added, "If Leslie (Griffith) had been working that night, she might have been able to cover for me."

"When I got back to our newsroom after the show," Richmond said with a chuckle, "People were trying outwardly to look serious. But I could see they were smiling. And, truth be told, it was pretty funny."

"You're right. That was one hilarious deer!"

My wife and I laughed for a good 15 minutes when we saw the bomb scenes a second time and it was obvious two deer hadn't done the deed.

Said one KTVU news staffer: "Hey, it's live TV. I think viewers expect these kinds of things to happen. They just don't happen to us that often."

The deer show opening will be one for KTVU's "Tapes of Wrath" — a taped collection of technical newsroom folks collect to show at staff parties.

"Tapes of Wrath II: I was invited to dinner one night a few years ago at the Walnut Creek home of a local

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On the outside, Jacky is strange

Actually, Berkeley band has rock tunes with a little softness, but you wouldn't know it from the CD

By Tony Hicks

When I received a CD portraying a near-skeletal dog-man creature licking a little boy, I thought, "Not another band trolling for a handout for the Church of Evil Mutated Pet-Hybrids. Didn't I just give at the office?"

Jacky Paper's CD cover is not easily explained. I expected to hear some weird stuff inside, and instead got some pretty straightforward rock. Chunky, big metal guitars (I didn't expect an ABBA knockoff with that cover). Chunky the way some of the new metal bands are, without the hip-hop flavor — which just means they're half-lives away from MTV. It's not drawn-out metal-creepy either, like Tool. At least not the music. That cover had a Tool "raw meat through the pipeline" trick written all over it.

Sure there's some Creed and Alice in Chains in Jacky Paper. But I also heard some workingman straight rock and some melody, with some acoustic guitar mixed in with

grinding leads from guitarist Erik Jensen. Singer Ross Peacock has a professional voice that wouldn't get him laughed out of a tryout for a big-name metal band.

That's not to sell short anyone else in the Berkeley band. The arrangements keep the songs interesting, which otherwise may suffer from the mid-tempo virus that plagued so many guitar bands earlier this decade. But they keep it powerful, which prevents boredom. And they're not afraid to throw in a few extra parts to keep it fresh. On "Crazy," a little Dixie-blues appears without a hitch for about a minute, before the hardness returns — weird, but kind of cool.

The lyrics are thoughtful without being pretentious, questioning life, relationships and hard times. There's lots of acoustic guitar for similar song formats. They aren't re-inventing the Marshall stack or anything, but they keep pace with their obvious influences. If you don't hear early Soundgarden the first few seconds of "Infect Me," you don't know Soundgarden from Savage Garden.

Not only is this CD good for listening, but I also plan on hanging it on my door on Halloween. It's scarier than any plastic skeleton I could possibly rustle up. Catch Jacky Paper on Oct. 23, at Lindee's in Concord.

WE NEVER HEARD OF QUIET RIOT until their guitarist left for another band. Then he died tragically in a fiery plane crash and his old band became the balding laughing-stock of heavy metal ... OK, bad analogy. But Randy Rhodes did give his old band a national name when he left to play with Ozzy.

So will guitarist Chris Shiflett, formerly of San Jose's No Use for a Name, do the same for his old mates now that he's a Foo Fighter? Actually, his replacement may help the band get on the national map. Not to be outdone, No Use For a Name recruited Dave Nassie, formerly of Suicidal Tendencies and Infectious Grooves.

Band spokeswoman Marie Domineque said no one knows whether Nassie will remain with the band after its current tour with Dance Hall Crashers.

Shiflett's last work with the band can be heard on its fourth album, "More Betterness."

They call themselves punk, but there's far too much melody to merely box it up like that. It is fast and upbeat, sort of like ... you guessed it, Green Day. But they're not knockoffs — the band has been kicking around the Bay Area for about 12 years now. Just about every tune on "More Betterness" is worth bobbing your head and

singing along.

The band apparently has sold more than 400,000 copies of its last three albums combined worldwide, without benefit of a major label publicity machine, which goes to show that the idea of touring to get out the word is alive and well in the MTV age.

This time around, they polish up the punk with former Ramones and Living Colour engineer Ed Stasium.

You can check out the Fat Wreck Records Web site at www.fatwreck.com.

Mann

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TV news exec. After dinner and dessert, the news exec pulled out his own "Wrath" reel for light entertainment. One was a hilarious "highlight reel" montage of then-First Lady Nancy Regan taking some rather undignified falls, a la Gerald Ford.

But unlike Ford's stumbles, which often aired on the network news, I'd never seen Mrs. Reagan's embarrassing and un-ladylike tumbles. But the most blatant foul-up on this "Tapes of Wrath" is one I'll not soon forget. It helps to have a sick sense of humor to laugh (as I did) at this footage that actually ran on a local newscast here 20 or so years ago:

During a story about finding the body of a young murder victim, a slide was put up behind the anchor to illustrate the story — something done more often years ago. It was immediately and horrifyingly obvious it was the wrong slide — one taken from a supermarket chain's weekly list of specials. It showed a cut of beef.

That's a technical foul-up of major proportions. One can only imagine the horror of the victim's family if they'd seen that. That's one you won't be seeing on one of those network blooper shows.

Mum's The Word: My Chronicle and Examiner sources tell me that there's a de facto gag order in place about the impending demise of the Examiner. Says one newsroom source: "Corporate has made it clear that they are absolutely sincere about trying to find a buyer for the Examiner so the sale doesn't run into legal problems, even though people here know damned well a sale is not



RECORDING ARTIST Juanita Newland-Ulloa, seen here, will perform songs from her fifth and latest CD, "Mujeres: Romantic Songs by Women Composers, Vol. 1, Mexico," at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16, at St. Cuthbert's Episcopal Church in Oakland. Tickets \$15 to \$100. Call 510-632-6296 or 510-635-4949.

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Ebony Museum of Arts

The museum specializes in the art and history of Africa is open Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-6 p.m. 30 Jack London Village, Suite 209. Call 510-763-0745.

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■ Castro Valley Walk, last Sunday, meet at 8 a.m.; leave at 8:15 a.m. Meet at the Eastshore Trail, Lake Chabot

Park, at the entrance on Lake Chabot Road. Call 510-582-9568 or 510-795-7928. Free admission. Call 415-323-6160.

Holt Planetarium

Programs are recommended for ages 8 and up; children under age 6 will not be admitted.

Programs include: ■ "Mysteries of Missing Matter," open-ended. Explore the creation of the universe and learn some of the mysteries of unseen planets and stars. Starting Oct. 2: Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.

■ "Constellations Tonight," ongoing. Using a simple star map, learn to iden-

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Happy

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Douglas as affection-starved school teacher Ms. Schaefer, and the material — co-written with Ed Stone and Phil Reeves — gels like a triple-tiered Jell-O parfait.

The zaniness begins almost immediately, when handcuffed, on-the-lam Wayne and Harry steal a Winnebago and assume the identities of its occupants — a gay couple who specialize in youth pageants.

Their first stop is Happy, Texas, a tiny town with big baggage: They've lusted for years to be part of the Little Miss Squeezed Pageant, and have hired these supposedly savvy out-of-town experts to whip the girls into shape.

But the thiefing Harry gets distracted by a local bank, ripe for the picking, not to mention its comely president, Joe (Ally Walker), and rel-

egates pageant duties to his bumbling sidekick. After a shaky start, Wayne rises to the task, and is soon prancing about in satin capris.

Trouble is, both men are falling in love — Harry with Joe, Wayne with Ms. Schaefer — but must bury their feelings because of their supposed homosexuality. Instead, everyone wants to confide in them, and

get together for spa days. Even the hapless Chappy is forever transformed by these colorful visitors.

There isn't anything that unique about "Happy, Texas." The pageant thing, the gay thing, the bumbling criminals thing, it's all been done. But Illsley et al do it with so much affection and joy that it's impossible to resist.

Caligula

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len Mirren and John Gielgud, none of whom appeared in sexually explicit roles.

This new-and-improved version of the film has been digitally remastered, and the sound track, which features Prokofiev and other classical composers, has been enhanced with Dolby stereo.

"Caligula" was produced by Penthouse Magazine publisher Bob Guccione, who, along with co-producer Franco Rossellini, battled constantly with director Tinto Brass.

Brass was ultimately replaced with Giancarlo Lui.

Gore Vidal wrote the screenplay. The theater is located at 2036 University Ave., Berkeley.

Call 510-843-0847 for show times and other information.

Limey

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explosive anger that often leads to violence. It's a spellbinding performance.

The master stroke is that Soderbergh acquired rights to Ken Loach's first film, "Poor Cow," with its scenes of a young Stamp portraying a British thief, also named Wilson. Footage from that movie is gracefully inserted into "The Limey," as flashbacks depicting Wilson's conflicted relationship with his daughter, Jenny. This also gave Stamp an opportunity to revisit a character he had already portrayed, and deeply understood.

It makes sense, too, that he picked Peter Fonda for the role of Terry

Valentine, a wealthy L.A. record producer who "took the whole '60s Zeitgeist ... packaged and sold it." This soft-spoken narcissist, with his spectacular house and endless wardrobe, was Jenny's lover when she died.

"You're not specific enough to be a person," his new trophy babe tells him. "You're more like a vibe."

The plot sends this volatile Brit storming his way through the dark side of the Southern California dream, where vulnerable rich people become entangled with drug dealers, and hired killers hang out on movie sets. He makes a couple of friends along the way: another ex-con who knew his daughter (Luis Guzman), and a voice coach, played by Lesley Ann Warren.

A confrontation with Valentine is

inevitable, and the only question is who will survive the encounter.

It's really as simple as that, and it is Stamp's potent performance, and Soderbergh's skillful direction, that make the movie so effective. The dialogue, courtesy of screenwriter Lem Dobbs (a nom de plume taken from "The Treasure of the Sierra Madre") is strangely poetic, and never clichéd, whether it's Wilson asking about "this bloke she bunked up with," or a cop musing that "procedure becomes whatever you gotta do on the day."

The movie flows and glows as if it were a daydream, with Wilson hurtling closer to the object of his revenge. People and places look great, but there's an edginess that won't go away. Soderbergh couldn't have done it any cleaner.

Irakere

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band gained an international following with its combustible, high-energy performances at European jazz festivals.

During a brief Carter administration thaw in U.S.-Cuban relations, Irakere even toured the country in the late '70s, and won consecutive Grammy Awards for Latin music in 1979 and 1980 for their CBS recordings. But until last year, the band, which performed at Yoshi's in Oakland last weekend, had been refused entry into the United States for almost two decades.

The band arrived in Oakland without Valdés, who is busy pursuing a solo career. But the pianist's presence still suffuses the band

through his many compositions and arrangements. As trumpeter Márquez Basilio says, "It is our time to show that father is always at home."

Two founding members, guitarist Carlos Emilio Morales and the powerful drummer Enrique Plá, still tour with the band. But along with the 27-year-old piano virtuoso Toni Perez, who's in the unenviable position of standing in for Valdés, more than half the band joined Irakere during the past three years, including the band's acting musical director, 28-year-old trumpeter Julio Padrón.

How has the rapid change in personnel affected the band's sound? "The sound of Irakere has not changed," says Basilio, "because there are forms, rules and almost what we might call artistic precepts which the new generation is inter-

ested in preserving."

Basilio and Padrón discussed Irakere, recent changes in Cuba and the relationship between Cuban musicians and American jazz musicians in an e-mail exchange from Havana. Padrón notes that the band's musical innovations are now accepted by the Cuban government, and have been widely embraced by jazz-influenced Cuban dance bands.

"Irakere was where using the batá drums and other African percussion instruments in dance music as well as African ritual chants began," Padrón says.

"The structure of the wind section, with two trumpets and two saxophones playing melodic jazz lines together in dance music, also originated in Irakere. Now 90 percent of the musical groups use these formats."

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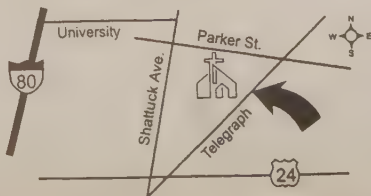
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■ "Saturday Night Stargazing," ongoing. See the moon, planets, star clusters and galaxies through astronomical telescopes, weather permitting. At the Lawrence Hall of Science Plaza. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Free.

Admission: \$2 plus museum admission of \$6 general; \$4 students, seniors and children ages 7 to 18; children under the age of 6 are not admitted. Open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California, Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Call 510-642-5132.

Redwood Regional Park

■ "Magical Children's Walk," Oct. 8 p.m. Meet a redwood tree, look under rocks, and examine tree rings on an outdoor stroll. For ages 4 to 8. Registration required.

■ "Eucalyptus and You," Oct. 10, 2 p.m. Walk through the forest and learn about the eucalyptus trees around you.

Wilden Regional Park

■ "Spiders!" Oct. 9, 2 p.m. Begin with a slide show, then go outside to look for some local spiders.

■ "Eucalyptus and You," Oct. 10, 2 p.m. Walk through the forest and learn about the eucalyptus trees around you.

Berkeley Public Library

■ "The Berkeley Family: 1900 to 1988," exhibit runs through Oct. 15. Photographs trace the histories of South Berkeley residents with a focus on Asian American and African American families.

■ "Exhibit is free, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the South Branch, 1901 Russell St., Berkeley. Call 510-644-6860.

Judah L. Magnes Museum

■ "Still Here: The Jews of the Pale

of Settlement," runs through Oct. 31. An exhibit of photographs by Peggy Myers illustrating the resurgence of Jewish identity in the western regions of Russia known as the Pale of Settlement, a wide territory from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

■ "Winning Photos: First annual Richard Nagler Photography Competition of the Judah Magnes Museum," runs through Oct. 31. This juried exhibit features images by 15 photographers.

■ "Roots and Memory: A Portrait of the Last Moroccan Jews of the Atlas and Sahara," runs through Oct. 31. This exhibit presents a rare portrait of the little-known rural Jewish communities of the Atlas mountains and Saharan oases.

■ "Exploring the Elements of Art: A Hands-On Learning Exhibit on a Moroccan Theme," runs through Oct. 31. Admission: Free.

Open Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. Call 510-549-6950.

Berkeley Community Theatre

■ "Sting — Oct. 19 and Oct. 20, 8 p.m. Tickets \$49.50-\$125 at Berkeley Community Theatre, 1930 Allston Way, Berkeley. Call 510-762-BASS.

Pacific Film Archive

Films of Keisuke Kinoshita, through Oct. 29. A series of films directed by Kinoshita. Titles include: "Morning for the Ozone Family," "Clouds at Twilight" and "Immortal Love."

Admission: \$6; \$7.50 double features. Friday, 7 p.m.

■ "Some of These Stories Are True," runs through Oct. 20. A series of five documentaries that aren't quite what they seem.

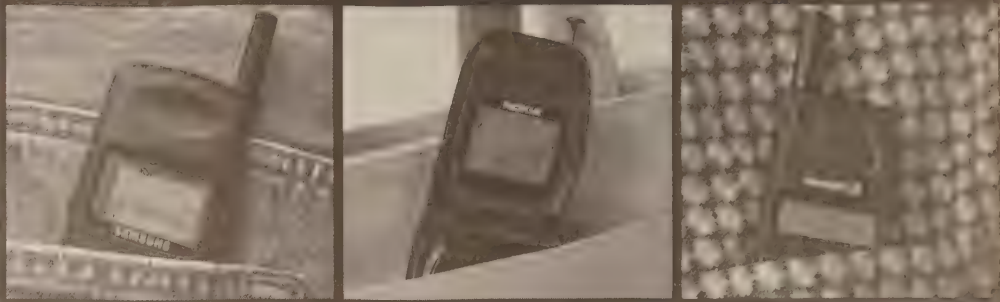
Admission: \$6. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. PFA Theater, 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Call 510-642-5249.

Ashkenaz

Anoush Ellas, Oct. 19, 9 p.m. \$8. Frog Legs, Oct. 20, 9 p.m. \$7. Tamazgha, Oct. 22, 9:30 p.m. \$9.

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West African High Life Band, Oct. 23, 9:30 p.m. \$10.
Rebecca Riots, Oct. 24, 8 p.m. \$10.
Located at 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-525-5099.

Book Sale

Friends Of The Oakland Public Library Book Sale runs Oct. 20-Oct. 23, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Hundreds of books, new and used, will be offered at deep discounts.

Free. The Bookmark, 721 Washington St., Oakland. Call 510-444-0473.

Cal Performances

Performances Oct. 20-Oct. 24 are:
■ Mary Black, Oct. 20, 8 p.m. A concert of Irish ballads, traditional folk music and modern pop. \$18 to \$30.
■ Sankai Juku: "Hiyomeki," Oct. 22 and Oct. 23, 8 p.m. A performance of Japanese butoh dance. \$20-\$40.

■ James Galway, Oct. 24, 3 p.m. Classical, jazz, and contemporary popular music performed by this renowned flutist. Accompanied by Phillip Moll on piano. \$28 to \$48.

Performances are at Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, UC-Berkeley. Call 510-642-9988 or 510-762-BASS.

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Reservations: \$25. FDR Pier, Foot of Clay Street, Northwest end of Jack London Square, Oakland. Call 510-839-7533, ext. 1.

Oakland Ballet

Ballet runs Oct. 22-Oct. 24. A premiere performance of Ronn Guidi's "Rhenish Symphony," a reconstruction of Nijinska's "Les Biches" and Betsy Erickson's "Beneath the Wake."

Tickets: \$12-\$39. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m., at Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. Call 510-762-BASS.

Chamber music

Oct. 24, 3:15 p.m. A performance of classical works featuring members of the San Francisco Symphony.

Tickets: \$15 general; \$12 seniors and students. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Call 415-584-5946.

Mandolin Festival

Mike Marshall's first International Mandolin Festival Mandolin Workshop, Oct. 17, noon. Registration required. Call 510-527-2364. Admission is \$55.

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Musicsources

Shalev Ad-El on harpsichord and Simon Standage on baroque violin, Oct. 24, 5 p.m.

Admission: \$18 general; \$15 seniors and students. 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. Call 510-528-1685.

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra

Eric Hansen conducting, Oct. 17, 3 p.m. Featured artist: Dan Scharlin on flute. A performance of works by Griffes, Tchaikovsky and Bartok.

Free admission. St. Ambrose Church, 1145 Gilman St., Berkeley. Call 510-527-1519.

San Francisco Bach Choir

"Echoes of the English Cathedral," Oct. 16, 8 p.m. A performance of works for voices and viols by Tallis, Byrd, Ford and Gibbons.

Tickets: \$25-\$30 general; \$18 students. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Bancroft Way and Ellsworth St., Berkeley. Call 415-441-4942.

Trinity Chamber Concerts

Tom Rose on clarinet, Miles Graber on piano, Kathy Marshall and Karen Shinozaki on violin, Rick Shinozaki on viola, and Elizabeth Struble on cello, Oct. 23. A performance of works by Mathew Naughtin, Peter Schickele, Aaron Copland and others.

Tickets: \$10 general; \$8 seniors and students. All concerts at 8 p.m. Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. Call 510-549-3864.

A.C.C.I. Gallery

■ "8 Fold Way," runs through Nov. 13. An exhibit of new works by several artists.

■ "The Teapot Event," runs through Oct. 30. An exhibit of ceramics, fine jewelry and fine art by members of A.C.C.I.

Admission: Free. Hours: Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-843-2527.

California College of Arts and Crafts

"Interweavings," runs through Nov. 24. This exhibit pairs international artists with practitioners of classic textile crafts such as embroidery, lace and tapestry.

Admission: Free. Monday,

Wednesday, Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Oliver Arts Center is at 5212 Broadway, Oakland. Call 415-551-9210.

Laney College Art Gallery

■ "Days of the Dead: A Living Celebration," runs through Nov. 4. An exhibit celebrating the Mexican Dia de los Muertos with traditional altars, a community celebration and blessing, and a book signing.

■ "How to Build a Home Altar and Celebrate Days of the Dead," Oct. 21, noon. A workshop.

■ Book Signing, Oct. 21, 1:30 p.m. Author Mary Andrade will sign her book, "Through the Eyes of the Soul, Day of the Dead in Mexico."

Admission: Free. Monday and Thursday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 900 Fallon St., Oakland. Call 510-464-3586.

Mills College

■ "The 100 Languages of Children," through October, 2000. An exhibit of art by children from Reggio Emilia, Italy.

Admission: Free. Call for days open. Carnegie Building Bender Room, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

Royal Ground Gallery

"New Choices," runs through Oct.

31. An exhibit of art by seven East Bay women artists.

Free admission. Daily, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd. Montclair District, Oakland. Call 510-339-0348.

Traywick Gallery

"Imperatives: Recent Works on Paper," Oct. 20 through Nov. 21. An exhibit of works by Steve Briscoe.

"Place/Memory/Process: Recent Paintings," Oct. 20-Nov. 21. An exhibit of works by Jamie Brunson.

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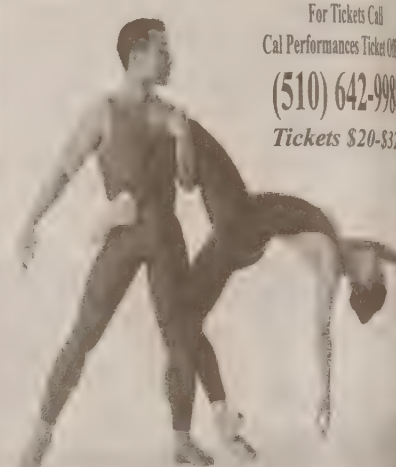
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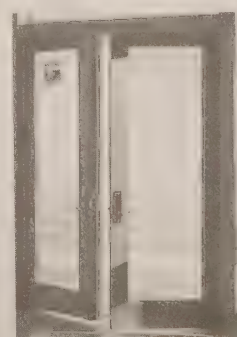
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Calendar

Contributions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Classes

Malhenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers salsa-dance classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalamang Dances of India, West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., offers a hands-on workshop for creating a simple solar cooker using only sunlight as fuel. Learn basic solar principles and hear how solar cooker benefits people around the world. Cost \$10 for non-members; \$7.50 for members, plus \$10 for materials. Call 468-2220 for more information and to sign up.

YWCA offers free orientations of its Training Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The center offers a variety of workshops. Orientation is Tuesday at 10 a.m. For more information call 468-6370.

Bay Area Community Media presents classes covering camera techniques, movement, composition of shots, editing, continuity, editing, sound influence. Screenings will include works of Howard Wong Kar Wai, Spike Lee, and others. This class is for anyone interested in film, video and the power of media. Call 848-2288, ext. 810 for additional information.

Learn Your Rights When Dealing with the Police, a free three-hour orientation teaches how to observe police and to prevent police brutality. Copwatch is a grassroots, all-volunteer organization which works to defend the rights of everyone under the law. For additional information, call 548-0425.

Stories/Collage and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley High School. Teachers are Diana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free.

class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly-dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, tango, dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate, four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Children

Kids and their adult companions can explore the University of California Botanical Garden with Docent Lois Paul the last Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. You will visit a section of the Garden that represents a different continent or foreign country, find out what's special about the plants that grow there, and then draw what you see. Call 643-2755 to reserve your space.

The Buddy Club Children's Show opens with its Halloween Magic Show, with award-winning Zappa the Magician, on Sunday Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Tickets: \$7, under 2 years free. Call 652-SHOW for tickets, party reservations and show information.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education, drop in classes in dance, fitness,

yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

The "Flaming Five of Berkeley" presents its fourth annual Battle of the Drills on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 1931 Center St. There will be fancy trick, precision, drum squads. Donation: \$5. Contact Denise Cox 841-1126 for additional information.

Goalball Tournament: Northern California's top teams will compete in this exciting team sport played by people with visual impairments on Saturday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the James Kenney Recreation Center, 8th and Virginia. Admission is free. Call Jonathan Newman 849-4663 for additional information.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin Avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice: Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

The City of El Cerrito is accepting job applications for 1999 Summer Employment, day camp and pool staff positions. Ages 15 plus (must have job permit if under 18) Ages 12 + for volunteers. Applications may be picked up at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information call 215-4370.

"Work Buddies": volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic: 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for

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The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

English-in-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.


Exhibits

ACCI Gallery, 1652 Shattuck Ave., continues its "The Teapot Event" exhibition through Oct. 30 featuring ACCI members and guest artists: Bonnie Bolter, Diana Crain, Daina Heisters, Willie Hulce, Lynn Landor, Steve Salisian. The public is invited to Tea on Saturday, Oct. 16 from noon to 3 p.m. ACCI Gallery hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Call 843-2527 for additional information.

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Cruising into the Millennium with the Distaff Singers

Why is a group of mature women singing 16th century songs of teenage love and angst and then taking a millennium cruise a la Gilligan's Island?

Such things cannot be explained. They must be observed. It's Distaff Singers' 62nd annual Benefit Concert.

Join Distaff on Saturday, October

16, for an evening of fun at Piedmont High School's Alan L. Harvey Theater, located at 800 Magnolia Avenue in Piedmont.

Curtain up at 8 p.m., tickets are \$10 adults/\$8 seniors. All proceeds go to the Ida Altenbach Scholarship Fund for student musicians.

Director Tina Harrington, who also works with the Oakland Youth Chorus, has produced another innovative, fun show.

The first half features traditional and contemporary choral music tied to earthly elements such as fire (hence the teenage passion).

The second half is a musical review set on a Bermuda Triangle cruise. The music is familiar, but the seas are full of surprises.

If Distaff Singers

looks like your mother hamming it up, there's a good reason.

Distaff is an all-female chorus formed in 1937 as the Mother Singers. Most membership came from the 28th district Oakland PTA.

In 1947, the group performed for President Harry Truman at the Lake Merritt Boathouse. Some current members have been active in the chorus for over 20 years.

The Distaff Singers membership is drawn from around the Bay Area. Among it's 30 members are Oakland residents Pauline Daniel, Maxine Drexler, Denise Gozdanovich, Ellen Gruenewald, Lavinia Hong, Agnes Kirkwood, Monica Laxo, Janet Mangini, Pat Mann, Michele Parkins, Susan Rambo, L. J. Roberts, Barbara Rogers, Rosemary Sanders, Lisa Starr, Diane Weiland, and Judy Wilkinson.

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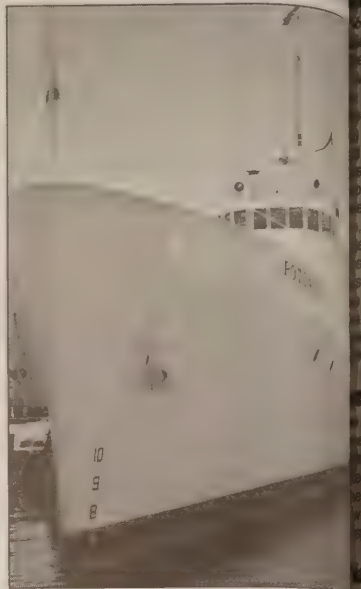
By Duke Reedy

Saturday was a Chamber of Commerce day in the Bay. Fortunately for me, it was also the day my wife and I went on The Presidential Yacht Potomac to meet the fleet. If you don't already know, The Potomac was President Franklin D. Roosevelt's yacht during his presidency. The Potomac was rescued from the bottom of the bay and restored to its original condition by a dedicated group of volunteers.

As we were waiting in line, I glanced up and saw what I believed to be President Roosevelt welcoming us aboard. On second glance, I realized that it wasn't actually the president, but a very convincing stand-in, Mr. Kurt Lauridsen, formerly of UC-Berkeley, doing the honors. The vessel is definitely a piece of living history with authentic furnishings right down to the Presidential Seal on the wall.

Captain Jan Tiura took us on a great cruise through the Golden Gate Bridge and back into the Bay to await the arrival of the fleet.

It was quite exciting peering into the distance and seeing the huge Navy ships coming out of what little fog there was outside



the Golden Gate Bridge. Helicopters were flying everywhere. Jets zoomed off of the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln and hundreds of private craft

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Next weekend, October 23-24, you can't miss "Capacitor," a dance/acrobatics troupe that will knock your socks off with aerialists, bungee cords, jugglers, capoeira, and more! Call (510) 845-8542 for tickets and information.

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The Photolab Gallery continues its exhibit of lithochrome color prints at the Photolab Gallery, 2235 Fifth St., by photographer Bruce Yost through Oct. 25. The free exhibit is open to the public. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed on Sunday. For additional information call 644-1400.

Traywick Gallery, 1316 Tenth St., announces a group exhibition featuring six artists from New York, Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area. The exhibition "Drive-by" continues through Oct. 17.

"Behold the Woman," a millennium celebration of miraculous Marian images and their stories from around the world throughout the last two thousand years, continues through Oct. 31. The free exhibit takes place at Santa Fe Institute, 2320 Dana St. Call 543-2920 for additional information.

Collective Narratives: Paintings by Karen Cornell and Byron Spicer on ex-

hibit at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., through Oct. 30. For additional information call 644-6893.

The Current Gallery at the Crucible presents "Akin to Skin," welded steel and kinetic rubber works by Nancy Mintz through Oct. 23. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed most Fridays. For additional information call 843-5511.

The Berkeley Potters Guild holds its 28th annual winter holiday sale during the weekends of Nov. 27-28 and Dec. 4-5 and during the entire week of Dec. 11-23. Nineteen Guild members will display current works throughout their complex of open studios. The Guild is located at 731 Jones St. at 4th St., just off the Gilman St. exit of I-80. Call 524-7031 or visit the web site at Berkeley-Potters.com.

University Lutheran Chapel, 2425 College Avenue, hosts an exhibition of paintings by the artist Jeffrey Sully, through Oct. 23. Hours are Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 843-6230.

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Film Archive presents the latest exhibition in the Matrix Program for Contemporary Art "Tobias Rehberger/Matrix/180 Sunny-side up, through Nov. 14. Rehberger is a conceptual artist from Germany. The exhibit will be his first one-person museum exhibition in North America. Call 642-2250 for additional information.

The Claremont Gallery, 2907 Claremont Ave., presents "Southwest Passages" through Oct. 31. Call 848-9300 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

Roots and Memory: A Portrait of the Last Moroccan Jews of the Atlas and Sahara continues through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information call 549-6950.

"Still Here: The Jews of the Pale of Settlement," — A photographic exhibi-

tion by Peggy Myers is on view through Oct. 31 at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. For additional information call 620-6772.

New Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Literary Events

The Ecology Center Bookstore, 2530 San Pablo Ave., hosts a free performance and CD release party for the Word-Music Continuum, a poetry music band featuring Kirk Lumpkin, Mark Randall, Paul Mills, on Saturday, Oct. 16, 8 p.m. This is the group's first CD. Call 548-2220 ext. 227 for additional information.

Open Poetry Reading. Richard Silberg, editor of Poetry Flash hosts an Open Poetry Reading on Friday, Oct. 22, 7:30

p.m. at the First Congregational Church of Berkeley, Dana between Channing and Durant. The event is a part of the Poetry and the Sacred Series. Suggested donation: \$5. Call 848-7024 for additional information.

Theodore Roszak, nationally known historian and professor at Cal State Hayward discusses his recent books,

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The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Alvarado Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge, after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 844-6648 to set up a training session.

"Daily Word" readers. Study Unity principles at Temescal Library, 5205 Telegraph, Wednesdays noon to 1 p.m. Contact Anne Allen, 843-5811.

Meetings

The City Commons Club meets in the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave every Friday. Social hour begins at 11:15 a.m. in the Venetian Room. Luncheon served at 11:45 to 12:15 p.m. \$10.75 or \$12.25. Speaker starts promptly at 12:30 p.m. Admission \$1 with coffee. Student discounts on free. Call 848-3533 for speaker information or to make reservations if you are bringing more than one guest.

Speak Smart! Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place each Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-9671.

Toastmasters Meeting: Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us. Every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, on Solano below Arlington. Call Betty Coates 235-0490 for more information.

Joy of Yiddish: Yiddish conversation at 1 p.m. at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

The Berkeley Communicators Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 204-4503.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the

month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

Spirituality and Healing. Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further

information, call 273-9292.

TOPS, 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters; meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.

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Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music

The San Francisco Bach Choir opens its 64th Season with works from the Elizabethan Renaissance on Saturday, Oct. 16, 8 p.m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Bancroft Way and Ellsworth Street in Berkeley, and Sunday Oct. 17, 4 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Gough and Bush Street in San Francisco. Call (415) 441-4942 for ticket information.

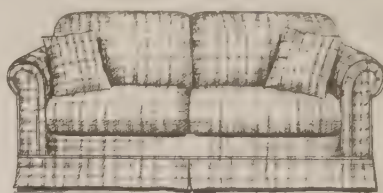
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"What makes Childbloom so wonderful, is that its curriculum is designed for children with little or no experience," says Garcia. "Students are taught to play on a limited rote basis in the beginning," he says. "Once basic motor skills are developed on the instrument, a music literacy program is introduced to ready students."

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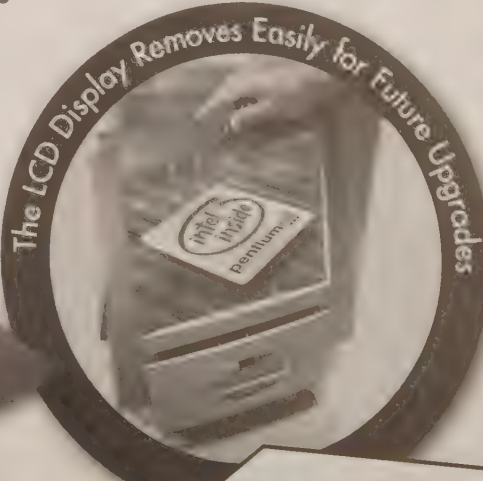
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Arkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., pre-

sents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

"Blowing Zen," a performance of Shakuachi, featuring Master Shakuachi flutist John Singer and guest artists Shigeo Tachibana and Hideo Sekino, takes place on Friday, Oct. 22, 8 p.m., at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. This is a rare performance of Japanese Zen Buddhist pieces. Tickets are \$10 at the door. For more information call 528-2027.

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The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education group presents Dorothea Dorenz, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. This method is sensitive and adaptable to people who are experiencing a great deal of discomfort, and to those who are no longer experiencing major pain. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except December) from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. No advance reserva-

tions required, drop in anytime. Friends and family are welcome to attend. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

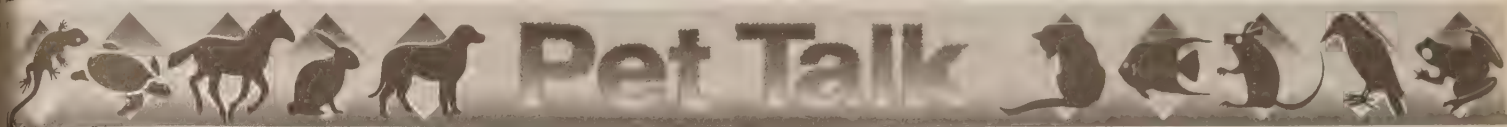
Stroke Support Group for Stroke survivors, their families and friends. No advance reservations required. Meets the first Tuesday of each month, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Maffly Auditorium, Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way.

Lecture/Workshop

Author/Astrologer, Antero Ali lectures on Thursday, Oct. 17, 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall, 1924 Cedar. The lecture introduces a weekend workshop Oct. 16, 17, noon to 5 p.m. For additional information call 464-4640.

Martha Godinez speaks about "The Struggle to be Heard: Guatemalan Women in Politics." on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m. at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. The lecture is sponsored by Guatemala News and Information Bureau, Association de Guatemaltecos Unidos and Grupo Maya Quamej. Tickets are \$5-\$10.

Strophon Kaplan-Williams, author of Dream Cards will speak Oct. 18 at the Live Oak Center, 1301 Shattuck Ave. This is a series of weekly talks continuing through Nov. 29. \$10 at the door. Call 530-2599 or 1-800-734-6535 for additional information.



Dog Walking Service for Pets that are "Home Alone"

By Nancy DuPont

How does one become a professional dog walker? Well, to find out, I interviewed Tom Merz, owner of Montclair's "Dog Days Dog Walking Service." We met at his favorite hangout at Joaquin Miller Park where he appeared with four of his clients, a mixed variety of canines happily straining at their leashes.

Tom looks physically fit and reminded me more of a "personal trainer" for fitness and health. After following each of the dogs to get acquainted with me, Tom sat down on a rock wall, sorting out the leashes as he thought.

What was your background with animals, Tom?

"I grew up on a farm outside of Arcata, California and spent nine years in the 4-H raising beef, dairy cattle, sheep and hogs. We always had cats and dogs as pets. I trained and showed livestock in showmanship classes various district and county fairs."

What kind of work did you do before you started your dog walking service?

"I attended U.C. Davis with the idea of becoming a vet but got side tracked and never was able to fulfill that dream. Then I worked for a 'glumet' coffee company here in the bay area for almost ten years as coffee roaster and herniated a disc



DOG WALKER Tom Merz says his work is "like a walk in the park."

in my back requiring an operation.

I returned to the same job and reinjured my back and subsequently was not able to do that job any longer."

So that brought you to your first love?

"After going through vocation rehabilitation, and not finding any occupation to my liking, I heard about dog walkers and pet sitters."

Since I have a love for animals specifically dogs, I investigated the possibility. I started taking care of my friends' dogs and decided this was great.

It has been two years and I am slowly building my business...and I have met a lot of fantastic dogs.

Also, my doctor said the best things I could do for my back is walking and swimming. I'm not much of a water person so the walking as regular exercise has helped my back and keeps me in shape."

Do you have dogs of your own?

"I have three of the best dogs that own me. Sheeba, 13 years old and the most loyal friend and rescued from the pound at age two. Kaya, ten years old, from the Humane Society and is ever the puppy and constantly talking. My newest friend is Bee.

I found Bee on a dog walk in one of the parks. She was, it appeared, dumped and abandoned. I listed her at the animal shelter and asked

people in the vicinity where I found her if anyone recognized her. No one claimed Bee. She was six to nine weeks old and weighed nine pounds when I found her and full of parasites. Bee had a rough beginning but is now the life of the party as puppies are.

Her name is a result of a bee that stung my ankle. When I looked up there she was in the bushes just her head sticking up and happy to see me! I didn't plan on having another dog in the family but after she spent the night I knew we would be buddies. Bee lies next to me in the evening while I write with her muzzle resting on the rung of the chair and her green eyes looking at me. I am not sure who is luckier!"

Tom Merz can be reached at 510-655-9865

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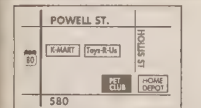
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By Nancy DuPont

We are pleased to present our first "Adopt a Pet" page to give homeless pets a second chance for a loving family. We are delighted that each beautiful creature has this opportunity to find a new family that will match the love he or she freely offers.

Each animal was carefully selected from the East Bay SPCA and the Berkeley East Bay Humane Center, photographed and published here by the generosity of our sponsors from the local business community and caring individuals.

We want to thank Jessica Donchas, our volunteer for taking pictures at the Berkeley Humane Society. It is labor intensive to try to make a puppy pose, or a cat to do *anything* on command. Jessica told me her favorites were "Jack" with the smiling face and tan eyebrows.

Jack is my favorite too and would make any family happy with his good nature and willing attitude, also "Tawny" a Shepherd whose regal calmness, intelligence and good manners will make him a loyal companion.

We also want to thank Chelsea at Four Seasons Animal Hospital for offering Marley, a 9 1/2 month old Labrador mix. She is spayed, current on her vaccines and very healthy. She is also housebroken and knows the commands Sit, Stay, Lay Down and Come. Call Chelsea at (925) 938-7700. Chelsea hopes she finds a home in the Lafayette area so they can see her as a patient there.

Thank you to all of our sponsors who saw the need and responded without hesitation. Many of our sponsors cannot have another animal but are committed to helping them find homes. Andrea, owner of Hula, has seven cats of her own but hopes Elvira finds the perfect individual to appreciate the inquisitive character behind those bright gold eyes. Lily Shin of Lucky Center Cleaners hopes to own a pet in the future but for now wants to support finding a family for Ralph.

Thanks to Eliza Dexter, Community Relations at Oakland SPCA, without her assistance and guidance this page would not be possible. For donations to the Oakland SPCA and volunteer opportunities she can be reached at (510) 569-0702.

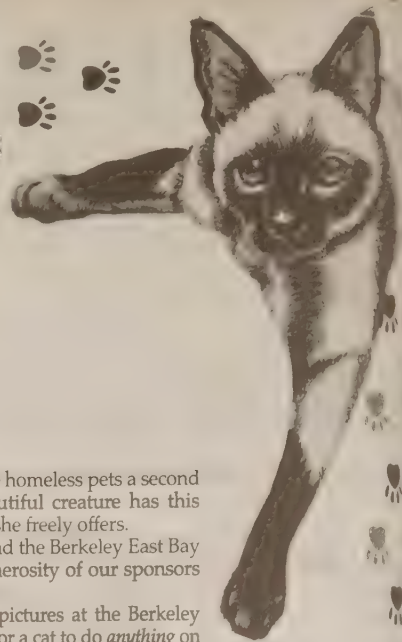
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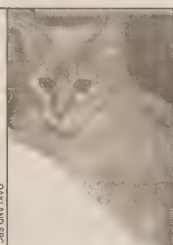
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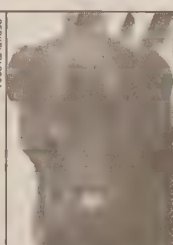
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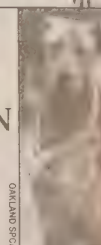
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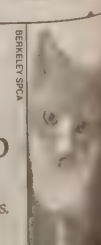
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Volvo enters compact fight with S40, V40

Keane on Wheels

By Connie Keane

Volvo has been doing backflips trying to catch the world's attention. They just might set the world on fire with the 2000 S40 and V40.

Over the last few years, Volvo has carved out a new image. Nowadays, the "S" stands not just for Safety, but also for Sexy. First, the automaker added dramatic color to its traditional blue and brown palette, then came the move toward sex appeal with the smooth C70, and regal S80. For 2000, Volvo is going X-rated.

Generation X is the bull's-eye target as the Swedes launch a compact sedan and wagon, the S40 and V40.

Before introducing these compact vehicles in the United States, Volvo ran focus groups with buyers under the age of 30, and learned they had an image crisis. "Boxy and boring" came from the lips of these hip young people. One 20-something man remarked about the automaker, "I don't think I ever want to be that married."

Well, buckle up buckaroos. Would you be interested in a sleek, turbocharged European sedan or wagon for under \$23,000 with an excellent safety record? Volvo is changing its image without straying from its identity. Safety and reliability.

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Auto Plus



By Mary Jo Farrell

Final column takes the mystery out of buying new or used cars.

Three steps put buyer in control

Opinions are like gym shoes: there are a lot of them walking around, and a bunch of 'em really stink. One of the great things about writing a column is not only do I have opinions, but I also get paid to share them.

Through the years, I've fielded dozens of questions from readers all dying to know how they should go about buying a car. As this is the time of year when we traditionally are bombarded with print and broadcast ads, all sounding a siren song to get us into the neighborhood dealership, it may be time to run through my list of tips again.

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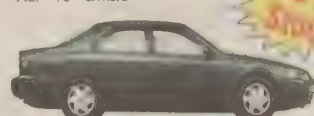


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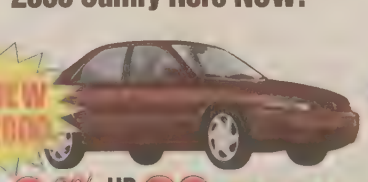
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Car trips may change, but childhood memories prove timeless

Think about it: Only a few generations ago there were no childhood memories of car trips. For a long time even after automobiles were commonplace in towns, when distances needed to be covered, travelers boarded trains.

Only the foolish or adventurous set out on the rutted dusty roadways between cities in an automobile. Cross-country treks were expeditions, not trips. And rare.

In 1988 in Germany, I participated in the Mercedes-Benz-sponsored hundredth anniversary reenactment of the first intercity trip in a motor-driven vehicle. I drove a 1912 Mercedes, from the wonderful Mercedes-Benz museum, on modern roads from Mannheim to Pforzheim to

Drive, She Said



By Denise McLuggage

Only the foolish or adventurous set out on the rutted dusty roadways between cities in an automobile.

mark the remarkable adventure of a plucky lady and her two sons a century before.

The vehicle in which Berta Benz and the boys made history was a

tiller-steered tricycle-like machine, as fragile-appearing as a Victorian baby buggy. Frau Benz, an animal-lover, was trying to make a point. Her husband, Karl, had seen his invention as something to use around town. Berta Benz hoped to see the engine ease the life of the hard working dray horses that pulled heavy loads between towns.

One early morning she and her boys sneaked out of the house, pushed the lightweight machine out of earshot of her husband before starting it, and set off on her mission. By the way, she wasn't at the tiller; her 15-year-old son was.

The point of this is that it struck me that the two Benz lads were the first to have childhood memories of

a cross-country car trip. They had to stop at drugstores in the small towns for benzene (the fuel used in the little engine, and that was the only place to get it. That's unique.

And think, too, of the shocked attention from every creature, human and animal, that they encountered.

Our own car-trip memories, we discovered when a few of us began trading stories recently, were less dramatic and more alike than different wherever — even whenever — they occurred. What seemed to dominate were the assorted efforts to protect our personal territory from encroaching siblings.

Invisible lines were drawn. I was surprised to discover how common was the manner in which my sisters

and I had marked out our individual spaces. From time to time, a "pinching bug" (our thumb and forefinger) marched down the invisible line doing what such a bug might do to its strange body part protruding over it.

That the backseat battle over territorial rights has not been tempered by time became clear when Jim Edens, an amiable Acura dealer in Albuquerque, related the story of an eastern U.S. customer who had ordered a car from him. Their plan was to fly to New Mexico and tour the west for a few weeks in their new car.

They arrived, two parents and two pre-teen children, a boy and a girl. With paperwork complete, the car checked over and their luggage stowed, they prepared to depart.

"Then the man asked for something; did I happen to have a piece of cardboard," Jim Edens found a carton that had had windshield shields and he said it was perfect."

With a borrowed knife, I set to shaping the cardboard. I wished as all in the dealership. He said nothing, only task, fit the cardboard neatly in the back seat dividing it into equal sections. Then with a knife on one side and one on the other without a word, the family

I guess pinching bugs, the technologies of old, have been placed.

Farrell

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out what makes me even remotely qualified to offer anyone advice, let me forestall criticism by saying I can tell you any fool thing I want; it's up to you to decide whom to believe. But I have been driving and buying cars almost 30 years now, with some modest success, so take this as you will.

There really are only three things you must possess to buy any car, new or used. The first is knowledge. How you acquire it is up to you, but I suggest Consumer Reports, IntelliChoice, and the Kelley Blue Book for starters. The second is patience. You're on your own for that one. The third magic ingredient is the willingness to walk away from a deal, if need be.

Knowledge

It doesn't take a lot of research, just some common sense questions and answers, to narrow down what you're looking for. Successful car shopping starts with knowing what you want, what you need, and what you can do without. Make a list of several cars that fit the driving you do. How many passengers do you carry? How much gear do you haul? What safety equipment or snob appeal do you require?

Decide in advance how much you can afford. Also, take into account insurance, fuel economy and resale value. Also, check into what taxes and registration will add to the price of a car (often as high as 10 percent in California).

Many cars look and work alike. Take time to find out which cars are most likely to fit your needs and keep several in mind as you deal. That will give you more confidence to walk away if negotiations take a turn you don't feel comfortable with.

Now that you know which cars you might like, dig in and find out all you can about each one. Put a star next to features you can't live without, whether it's a safety feature, warranty coverage, or an option. You can get this information by visiting your local library, talking to friends and relatives, or going surfing on the Internet. You can also visit the auto shows in San Jose and San Francisco to talk to manufacturers' reps, pick up reading material, and climb in and out of cars.

Patience

Now it's time to start visiting dealer showrooms and car lots. It was nice when car dealers in Michigan and Colorado had to close on Sundays, because then you could stroll among the stock without having a salesperson latch onto you too soon.

It's critical to avoid buying a car on your first visit to a lot. If somebody wants to walk around with you and answer questions in an informational way, that's great. If they start trying to influence your decision before you're ready, mention again that you're just gathering information at this stage. Many salespeople are valuable sources of information, but don't feel bad about asking a million questions. It's your money, not theirs.

Test drive the cars you think you might like to buy. Drive them more than once, in fact. Look at things like whether there are any blind spots, if passengers are crowded, if the ride is too firm or too soft, and if knobs and switches are placed intelligently. Drive the way you normally drive, and even on your normal route, if possible.

The deal

Try to avoid wrapping trade-in, finance and sale price into one discussion. Before you start talking price, know how you'll be paying for the new car. Try to sell your old car yourself beforehand. Try to pay cash if you can, or at least get financing ready before you start dealing for a new car. That way, the deal doesn't get so confusing.

Speaking of confusion, take your own calculator with you. Run figures as the salesperson puts them on paper. Make sure they add up to a figure

you're comfortable with. Get everything in writing, and ask for an explanation of anything you don't understand. Don't sign anything without reading it.

If at any point you feel like you've lost control of the negotiations, walk away. The only "cooling off" period you get, by law, is before the papers are signed, not after.

There are other considerations as well, such as whether you prefer buying or leasing, whether you want new or used, and more. The same applies: talk to people who've bought cars successfully, read everything you can, and take your time. Buy in haste, repent in leisure, you know.

Thanks for the memories

On a personal note, this is my final column for the Times and Hills Newspapers. I have greatly enjoyed the past three years, and I thank you for your comments. Your calls to compliment and commend, to cajole and correct have been a favorite part of my job. You may still write to me at the Times, but put "Personal - Please Forward" on the envelope. Let's keep in touch.

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Volvo

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ity always will be the company's mission, but the automaker's design language has definitely changed. The S40 and V40 are a blend of Volvo tradition and exciting innovation. I recently test-drove the V40 wagon with a base price of \$23,900. The S40 starts at \$22,900. Styling of the V40 is reminiscent of Volvo designs, especially in the grille. The box look, however, disappears with modern, soft, sweeping lines from the front to the rear. Despite softening the appearance, the V40 conveys a sturdy, athletic look.

On the inside, all the central elements are angled toward the driver. Interior designers gave this wagon roomy qualities for all passengers, as well as flexible cargo space.

The optional power sunroof on my tester opened up the cabin quarters for a light and spacious feel. The driver's window on the V40 is equipped with an automatic down feature both on the

door and center console. One touch allows the window to lower completely. My tester had a faulty auto-down feature; it only worked one time in the 10 days I had the vehicle.

This little wagon with an automatic transmission is turbocharged, giving it a competitive edge in the compact segment. The four-cylinder, 1.9-liter engine generates 160 horsepower. With

its Light Pressure Turbo system, torque is rated at 170 lb.-ft. at 1800 through 4800 rpm, so the driver feels an instantaneous, smooth response when accelerating.

It's not only the turbo engine that gives the V40 a competitive edge, it's the capacity for the driver to choose from three driving modes. In the Normal mode, the V40 automatic trans-

mission drives with fuel efficiency in mind, getting 21 mpg in city and 28 mpg in highway driving.

As for safety, the V40 ranked first in the compact segment in European and British national frontal and side impact tests. The United States has not yet tested this new entry into the market, but I'm told the testing standards are similar.

SPECIFICATIONS

2000 VOLVO V40

- VEHICLE TYPE
5-passenger FWD wagon
- BASE PRICE
\$23,900 (as tested: \$29,762)
- ENGINE TYPE
16-valve DOHC turbo 4-cylinder w/MPFI

- DISPLACEMENT
1.9-liter
- HORSEPOWER (net)
160 at 5100 rpm
- TORQUE (lb.-ft.)
170 at 1800-4800 rpm
- TRANSMISSION
4-speed automatic
- WHEELBASE
100 in. 2540 mm
- TREAD (front/rear)

- 57/58 in. 1447/1473 mm
- OVERALL LENGTH
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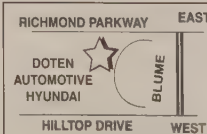
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From wire reports

Mysterious brake squeal rattles owner's nerves

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Volvo 240 that has an annoying noise when I apply the brakes. The shop has been unable to correct the problem. I have tried several types of brake pads and the noise liquid that goes on the back side of the pads. Can you help?

Dear David: An occasional squeak from brakes is not unusual, but a continuous noise is not normal. At my shop we use only factory pads on most imports. The factory pads have their own special friction blend of material. Other things to consider are the wear on the brake rotors and the amount of pad movement on the anchors. Make sure the factory shims are used on the back side of the pads along with new hardware.

Gear ratios deliver different rpms

Dear Doctor: I own a 1999 Honda CR-V with the five-speed manual transmission. Recently, I test-drove a '99 CR-V with an automatic. At speeds of 70 mph in fifth gear, the tachometer reads 3,400 rpm. My wife's CR-V reads 2,700 rpm at 70 mph. The dealer says this is normal. I have my doubts. Is there a problem? Al

Dear Al: The way the small engines are able to deliver high power is to run at high rpm. Recently, I test-drove a '99 CR-V, and it had the same 3,400 rpm at 70 mph. This is a normal condition. The gear ratio of the '97 automatic transmission is different from your manual.

Bus ex machina?

Dear Doctor: I am a self-taught mechanic on my 1987 Ford F-150. Recently I purchased a 1999 Ford Expedition. On my '87 I used to use a \$50 computer scan tool to read trouble codes in the computer. I purchased the 1999 manual for my new Expedition, but it says I can buy an inexpensive scan tool for \$20. The manual does not explain how to read the board diagnostics or codes. Is this intentional? Ray

Dear Ray: We've come a long way since the days of on-board computers. Today's vehicles have more than one computer. There is an engine management computer, a transmission computer (to handle a variety of conditions), ABS computer, anti-theft system, and suspension system, just to name a few. The MasterTech scan/scope meter. Today's computers are also bi-directional and can be reprogrammed with the proper software. The days of inexpensive scan tools for older and newer vehicles are over. As time goes on, companies may produce inexpensive scan tools for vehicles with on-board diagnostics.

Sensor makes short work of light

Dear Doctor: I own a 1996 Dodge Neon and it has had an ongoing problem with the dome light coming on. It has been back to the dealer, August, '98, September, '98, October, '98, and May, '99. They have replaced a lot of parts including a wiring harness without success. Can you help? Rick

Dear Rick: For an engine light to come on something has to make a connection to light the light. A faulty sensor or short is what I would find. The technician will have to check the circuit involved from beginning to end. In some cases what I do is run a new wire from beginning to end eliminating the faulty wire altogether and the problem is gone.

Don't skimp on lubricant

Dear Doctor: I am the original owner of a 1989 Dodge Shadow with a five-speed manual transmission 2.5 liter 4 cylinder engine. I have 124,000 miles. I had my car at the Dodge dealer to replace an out axle boot. After the repair I checked the transmission fluid and found it to be red in color. I called the dealer; they said they did fill the transaxle with ATF Plus-3 fluid. They said a bulletin went out by Chrysler to use ATF in place of the recommended 530 oil. I asked for a

copy of the bulletin and they said it was e-mailed to them. The fluid was low when I checked it, so I topped it off with 530 oil. What should I do? Will the ATF fluid lubricate the transmission properly? Do you have any information on this subject?

Secondly, the radiator is leaking at the vertical seam. The aluminum is corroded. Occasionally, I have to add coolant to the reservoir. Do you think corrosive materials left over from the coolant would cause this problem? I have the car maintained at the dealer regularly. Should I add sealer to the radiator? Robert

Dear Robert: In all my transmission fluid charts and in our Mitchell's data base, nowhere are there any substitute fluids for your vehicle. I would suggest you go back to the dealer and let them drain the ATF out and refill the transaxle with the proper 530 oil. As for the radiator leaking, I am happy to see you got 10 years out of it. The quality of radiators especially has gone down over the past decade. In fact, most late model radiators can not even be repaired. I would not add any radiator stop leak. I would continue to add a 50/50 mixture of coolant and water to the overflow tank as needed.

Be alert to trouble codes

Dear Doctor: I own a 1990 Ford Taurus. The airbag light will flash on a few times and go off for a while. Some days it will not go on at all. Is this something to be concerned about? Pauline

Dear Pauline: The airbag light is flashing out a trouble code. I suggest you take the car into the shop to find out what the problem is. The most common problem I find is the clock spring under the steering wheel. The clock spring connects the wires coming up the steering column to the airbag assembly.

Refrigerant spells cold comfort

Dear Doctor: I own a 1990 GMC full-size pickup. The problem is with the air conditioning. The a/c clutch clicks on and off continuously when I have it on. It blows out cool air, not cold. I plan on keeping the truck for many years. Should I convert to the R134A or stay with the R12? Tony

Dear Tony: It sounds like the system is low on refrigerant. With the cost of R12, it may be best to switch over to R134A. The conversion kit consists of two fittings, proper oil, decals R134A and directions if you want to attempt it yourself (which I do not advise). I also would advise some fluorescent leak detector in the system. This will make finding a leak in the system easier.

Exploding gasoline imperils pistons

Dear Doctor: I own a 1998 Mercury Mountaineer. The problem is engine ping with the use of 87 octane gas. There is no engine ping with 90 octane gasoline. Will the 90 octane harm the engine? Morris

Dear Morris: The engine ping you hear is the gasoline exploding and not burning smoothly. This will damage the pistons and valves. The use of 90 octane will not cause any harm. Higher octane gasoline requires more heat to ignite. The dealer should be able to check with Mercury technical support in Detroit to find a solution to the ping. Reprogramming the computer, checking EGR valve operation, and updating the ignition module are possibilities. Plus, you would have access to any internal technical service bulletins.

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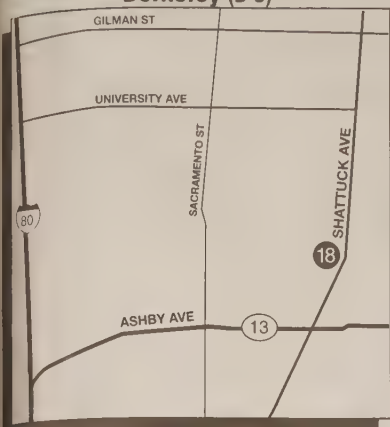
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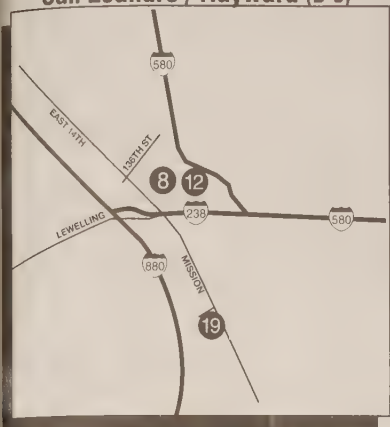
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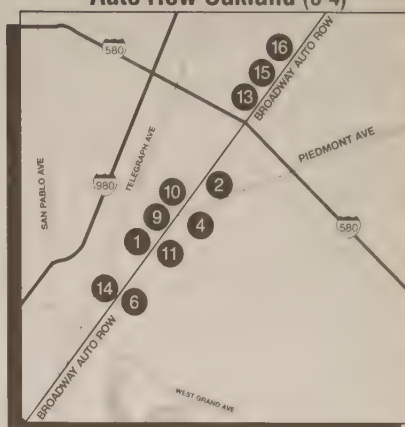
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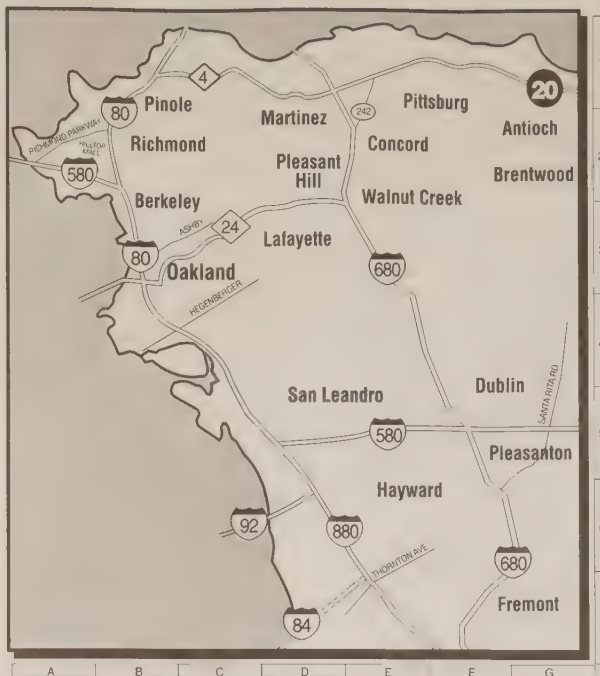
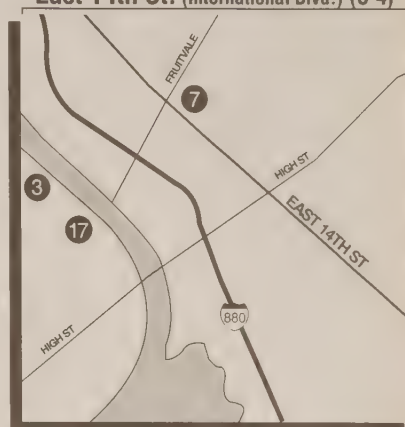
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ACTA is a special district located in Oakland, California, formed to implement the 1/2 cent sales tax for transportation. ACTA is an equal opportunity employer. For an application, call (925) 893-3347. Applications and resumes should be sent to: ACTA, 1401 Lakeside Drive, Suite 600, Oakland, CA 94612-4305. E-mails accepted only if followed by an original application and resume. At: ACTA0202.aol.com.

Contact Joan Van Brach, Administrative Services Manager. Deadline for filing: October 27, 1999 at 5:00pm.

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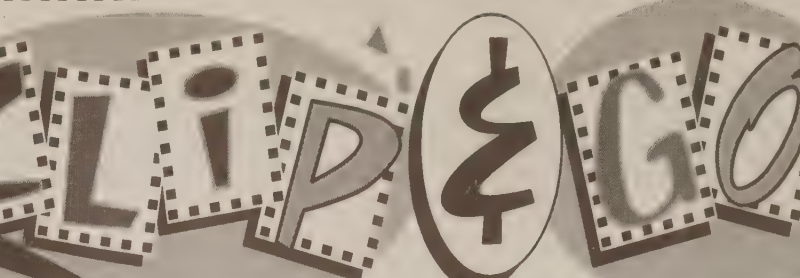


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1048 CENTRAL Sat/Sun 9-4
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Furn, stuff, toys, lamps,
glassware Sat 10-10pm
2056 SANTA CLARA Sat 9-4
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2259 CENTRAL Ave. 6 Twin
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items
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PLUS 1930's solid ma-
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and more
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(Off Ashburn Dr.)
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Loveseat, TV's, lamps, new
dolls, toys, dolls, decorative
items - Christmas
BIG GARAGE SALE
Tools, golf clubs, nailing guns
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SAT. 8-4
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bags, kids, recorders, spears,
cub, educational materials,
Toys, Trunk, room set, w/4
Victorian din. room set, w/4
uphol. chrs, antiques, w/4
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Lots of baby items, Beatz
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9115 PREVIEW HANCH DR
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Household items to Antiques
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Rockers • Decks • Chest of
Drawers • Trunks • Pictures &
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Pasadena chair, brass king
headboard, victor, merris
oia, hand, collectibles,
glassware, metal grinder, ac-
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toys, 9-12, mids, med
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bike, 1980 32" 1980 32" 1980 32"
Cherian & much more
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Antiques, linens, Christmas
decor, toys, dishes & silver
books, washer, kitchen ap-
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Vintage, electro-temporary
woman's clothes, handbags,
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Lovers' styles, linens, plus
SAT. Oct. 16th 3 p.m.-5 p.m.
32 Higgins Ct. (opp. Monte-
rey Market, North Berkeley).
HUGE YARD SALE
Over 20 Contributions
Benefits Berkeley Opera
Sat. Oct. 16 10-4 pm
5035 Hillgates Ave.
(2 blocks S. of Ashby)
Yard Sale 1306 Cornell
AT GILMAN
SATURDAY ONLY 10-3
Dolls, toys, books, clothing
collectibles & much more!
OTHER GOOD STUFF!
Brentwood
FRI. & SAT. 9-5
Tires, yards, dishes, antique
electronics, cookware, sew-
ing machine, plus many more
misc items
756 Bramhall St.
(off Danville Ave.)
Fri. & Sat. 8AM-4PM
738 Castle Court
(corner of Lincoln)
Hshd items, misc.
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SAT. ONLY 9-4
7230 Alameda Dr.
(off Rosegate)
Camping gear, boy's jackets
and pants, leather, answer-
ing mach, watches & misc
household items
SAT. & SUN. 8-2
Fieldstone Ct
4 Family Sale
Child's Trak bike, motorcycle
bike helmets, bundle & twin
bed, 25" TV, micro, baby
items & toys, rockers, books
SAT. & SUN. 8-3
4949 Westwood Dr.
Desk, cool, TV, microwave
weight bench, radial saw, dis-
cuss, ping pong table, enter-
tainment center, 6" table
etc. NO EARLY BIRDS!
SATURDAY 8-12
Beats, bedding, chairs, TV
stands, computer, computer
word processor, jewelry, min-
i-dresser, misc.
4817 Green Hills Cir.
SATURDAY ONLY 8-2
Start with clothing items
(Pre-K thru 1st grade)
& whatever
1349 White Rock Way
SATURDAY ONLY 8 A.M.
1920 CAVALLO RD.
Walk down driveway behind
house. Lots of toys, clothes
& misc. household items
NO EARLY BIRDS
THIS N 2ND
640 WEST 2ND ST
SAT. 8-4
Oak wood w/ritinle bed, de-
pression era vanity, 2 trunks,
furniture, 1940's decor, toys,
infant, household etc.
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